Mr Begin tells Egypt it must now make concessions for peace

The Knesset gave overwhelming approval last night to Mr Begin's Minister said Israel had done its part at Ismailia and it was now up to Egypt to make concessions. After his unexplained absence, Mr Dayan,

the Foreign Minister, appeared in Parliament. He is said to have been reace proposals. The Prime seeing the Shah in Teheran. Jordan is expected to join the foreign ministers' meeting in Jerusalem in mid-January, and Mr Vance, the Secretary of State, will attend.

Knesset approves Premier's plan

From Moshe Brilliant Tel Aviv. Der 28 Mr Begin, the Prime Minister, wid the Knesset in Jerusalem today that it was now up to Egypt to make concessions to advance a Middle East peace. part at the Ismailia summit where it assumed a heavy responsibility and grave risks."

The Knesset voted by an overwhelming majority of 64 to eight in support of his peace proposals. But 40 members of the 120 sear Knesset abstained, most of them members of the Labour Alignment.

Mr Begin gave the Knesset details of his proposals, includ-ing a complete withdrawal from the Smai peninsula and adminisrative autonomy for the Pales-rinian Arabs in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. These pro-posals have been criticized by Mr. Begin's opponents and by his supporters as excessively process for an opening move. Aut the Prime Minister said they represented the only possible way to a peace treaty.

mey represented the only pos-able way to a peace treaty.

The peace plan had been dis-cussed by Mr Begin with President Carter in Washington and Mr Callaghan in London before his meeting with Presi-dent Sadar this week. Mr Begin and down lifes in the Knesset pld journalists in the Knesset restaurant today that some minor changes were adopted at resterday's Cabinet meeting and communicated to Cairo via the

Official secrecy over yester may's disappearance of Mr. Dayan, the Foreign Minister, was maintained today but in-formed sources said he had been in Toheran seeing the day in Parliament but refused ے explain his movements.

It has been noted here that in Teheran next week, and there speculation that the Shiph had been asked to induce the to enter the peace aezotiations.

In presenting his proposals to the Knesset today, Mr Begin inderscored his rejection of the Egyptian demand for a total withdrawal on all fronts and said: "It never entered our minds to withdraw our forces

minds to withdraw our forces from Judea, Samaria and the Gaza Strip to allow the areas to be taken over by the murderous organization called PLO.*

Mr Begin implicitly confirmed reports that President Sadar had tended at Ismailia to agree on a joint statement of intentions but that he had been reined in by Egyptien Foreign Ministry officials.

"If rourine-minded people in the Egyptian Foreign Ministry believe they will be able to mount international pressure to get us to yield to meir un-reasonable demands, they are mistaken. Mr Begin declared. The Prime Minister also made it clear that he will not yield to pressure from his hardline political associates in the Likud Party, who were discochanted by his unwanted moderations. "They are my friends", he said. "I still have my affection for them, but I have no alternative."

have no alternative." Most of the details of Mr Begin's proposals were already published but the full plan was made public today for the first time. The proposed peace treaty with Egypt, as outlined by Mr Begin, provides for an Israeli withdrawal from Sinai over an unspecified number of years unspecified number of years and the demiliarization of the peninsula. The Egyptians are to be confined to the Mitla-Giddi line about 25 miles east of the

Suez Canel and limited to about 8,000 soldiers, 75 tanks and 36 guns as in the interim agreement of 1975. Israel's settlements in Sinai will remain where they are and as they are, according to the proposals. They will be linked with Israel administratively and juridically and are to be defended by an Israell force. Pending the final pull-back to the pre-1967 border the

to the pre-1967 border the Israelis will hold a line in the

of navigation Freedom through the Strait of Tiran to and from the Israeli port of

Nations force.

The plan for the occupied

The plan for the occupied lordanian territory and the Gaza Strip provides for the election of an administrative council of 11 members, with a seat in Bethlehem, to run services apear from security.

Residents of the territories will have the choice of Israeli or Jordanian citizenship and will enjoy full rights including election to their respective parliaments. Israelis will be able to live and buy land in the territories while Arabs opting for Israeli citizenship will be able to move to Israel proper and acquire property.

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Tripartite committees representing Israel, Jordan and the Palestinian administrative council will be authorized to control immigration including the return of the Palestinian refugees to the areas and will review legislation.

refugees to the areas and will review legislation.

The issue of sovereignty is to be left in abevance and a special proposal will be formulated to assure access to the sbrines of the three main religions in Jerusalem.

Washington, Dec 28.—Mr Cyrus Vance, the Secretary of State, will attend the Middle Eastern foreign ministers conference in Jerusalem in mid-January, American and Israeli officials said today.

They said that the focus of the Israeli and American

They said that the focus of the Israeli and American efforts before the conference will be to bring the Jordanians into the negotiations.

State Department officials saw a good chance of Jordan taking pert, although they believed there was little or no chance that the Syrians and the Leganese, would join in until the negotiations were raised to the level of a Geneva conference.

King Hussin is to meet President Carter in Teheran middle of the peniusula as well during the President's worl as airfields and early warning tour, beginning on Thursday. during the President's world UPL Text of Israel proposals

Egyptian reaction and photograph, Page 4

A heavily engaged R. J. Davenport in the under-16 section of the Evening Standard " chess congress in London yesterday.

Concorde given Carter boost

From Charles Hargrove Paris, Dec 28 President Carter told Mr Callaghan and President Giscard d'Esteina today by the special telex link that American

obstacles to the commercial future of Concorde had been A statement by the Elysée Palace said that the message, in reply to a request by the French President, was of vital importance for the prospects of the Franco-British supersonic

It told M Giscard d'Estaing hat the Governor of New

two weeks ago by the Port of New York Authority which set a limit of 108 decibels as the maximum permissible noise for any aircraft on take-off or landany aircraft on take-off or landing at airports under its jurisdiction from 1985. This would have effectively eliminated Concorde.

Although satisfaction is expressed by the French Transport Ministry and Air France over the American Description.

over the American President's message the fact remains that its direct impact is limited. It

would have arisen after 1985, but plenty of others can arise in the meantime, notably on the expiration of the 16-month trial period for Concorde con-firmed by the Supreme Court However, President Carter is fully aware that Concorde is a highly sensitive political issue between France and the United States; and there is no doubt that his message is designed more to create a favourable atmosphere for his visit to this country early next month, than for its practical effect on Con-corde's prospects.

Pound soars 3 cents against dollar on bright OECD forecast

By Caroline Atkinson

Sterling jumped by over three cents on the foreign exchange markets yesterday and topped \$1.90 to the pound at one point. Trading was much busier in the morning than is usual for the week between Christmas and the New Year.

The demand for sierling was said to be a result of the relatively optimistic forecast for Britain from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development in Paris, in its ix-monthly review of industrial economy.

The OECD predicted a substantial surplus on the current account of the balance of payments for next year.

Although most forecasters have already said that they expect North Sea oil to push Britain farther into the black next year, this confirmation from the OECD cheered up the markets.
Another factor in sterling's

strength was the market's anti-cipation of bad United States November trade figures. In the event, the American deficit was less than expected and there was a corresponding recovery in the fortunes of the dollar.

The pound closed at \$1.8950. the pound closed at \$1.55.00, its best closing level against the United States dollar since March 1976, and 3.1c higher than Friday's close. It has now risen by 11.4 per cent against the American currency since the beginning of the year.

In effective terms, measured against a basket of currencies. the rise has not been so marked although it is still significant. The effective rate index rose to 65 yesterday morning as the pound gained more ground against the dollar than did most currencies. The index then fell back to 64.6, 0.5 points higher before the Christmas

sized that in the thin market movements the currency rates were very exaggerated. banks were keeping their books closed until industry gets into swing again after the New Year.

However, the rise in the pound is not generally thought to be a freak of a holiday market. The short term prospects for Britain are good, both for inflation and trade, and this is likely to produce a steady demand for pounds. That could be upset if there is a space of large wage settlements, or industrial strife.

Before the markets closed for Christmas there was a revival in demand for dollars as a result of President Carter's statement in its support. Howagainst their first enthusiasm.

They wish to see positive action in support of the dollar with more direct market intervention by the Americans when there is strong pressure on the currency and, even more importently, new measures to cut the United States trade deficit, which is expected to be which is expected to \$27,000m this year.

Industrialists in Britain will probably not welcome the pound's latest sport. Although the rate of inflation in Britain is falling, it is still above that in most competing countries. This means that a rise in the value of sterling hits at United Kingdom competitiveness.

Exporters have already been complaining that a fack of price comperitiveness is limiting their ability to win overseas orders. Many of the Government's down the value of the pound, rather than let it rise on the back of oil.

However, the attempt to do this was abandoned in October, because it conflicted with the US trade deficit, page 13

Trading fell off again yester-

Scots miners' leaders agree incentive talks

Scottish miners' leaders agreed yesterday to discuss with the National Coal Board the future of productivity deals. In the Yorkshire coalfield a ballot early in the new year on incen-tive bonus schemes promises to

Delegates and officials of the National Union of Mineworkers' Scottish area, meeting in Edin-burgh, relented in their total opposition to incentive schemes. opposition to incentive schemes.

Mr Michael McGabey, area president, said later: "We are dealing with the world we are in and not the one we should like." He had opposed incentive agreements and believed the main Scottish effort to improve conditions for mineworkers should be based on a £135-a-

The meeting discussed feelings in the Scottish coalfield since the conference of delegates and secretaries on December 12 that condemned the union's national executive for permitting area incentive schemes. Miners' leaders schemes. Miners' leaders threatened protest action if the board used such schemes to The attitude changed after the

December 21 refusing an injunction against the national executive's action. Some miners began negotiating incentive schemes, and that clearly influ-enced the Scottish leaders, who had voted 83 per cent against incentive schemes:

Mr Owen Briscoe, general secretary of the miners York-shire area, is to resign as a magistrate on the Earnsley bench in protest at the ruling.

The four-day strike at the record-breaking Solsgirth colliery, near Dunfermline, Fife, added to the pressure. It ended only when the union agreed to call a delegate meeting. The Solsgirth miners are still ban ning overtime and their delegate was among the six who young against holding talks with the board to make incentive agreements uniform throughout the Scottish industry rather than individual for pits.

That view was defeated by the 20 delegates, who voted for immediate talks with the board and the craftsmen in the industry. The meeting is to report back on January 16.

Crossman's ambition was 'to run the country'

Sir Harold sees diarist as Rasputin

By Fred Emery
Political Editor
The late Richard Crossman
was a self-appointed Rasputin
figure who wanted to run the
country with the Prime Minister, using Cabinet and Parliament as a rubber stamp, and who felt that all the Labour Government's failures "arose from the Prime Minister's failure to ratify the appoint-

reports by Sir Harold Wilson

BBC transcript conveys an impression of the former Prime impression of the former Prime Minister skilfully using his half-hour to praise Mr Crossman and to damn the Crossman Diuries, particularly volume III.

He scorns the diarist as an "avid recorder of gossip" whose record is "sullied by two facts": "that it was not truehe is a great attributor of phrases never used"; the other that Crossman, the great joker, took everyone else's jokes and

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serious, almost as contributions to our unwritten constitution."

None the less, Sir Harold does confirm Crossman's disclosure the existing convention of a feature of the confirm Crossman's disclosure the existing convention of a feature of the existing convention of the exist confirm Crossman's disclosure that in May, 1969, his own leadership "seemed to be in He mentions it only to show

thar when Crossman and Mrs Castle loyally rallied to him against any self-appointed pre-tender the diarist managed to (Sir Harold says) Mrs Castle made in his presence. Making sure that Crossman harbanas Much of Sir Harold's size that the chosen election date by the time he got to his diary. reports by Sir Harold Wilson to his Cabinet colleague, chronicler and tormentor, in a BBC talk on New Year's Day (Radio 3, 10.35 pm).

Sir Harold also sees Crossman's "political innocence" as a "major factor" in Labour's defeat in the 1970 election. The BBC transcript conveys an BBC transcript conveys an below the superscript of the superscript conveys an electron of the superscript conveys and the superscript conveys an electron of the superscript conveys and the superscript conveys are the superscript conveys and the superscript conveys and the superscript conveys and the superscript conveys are the superscript conveys are the superscript conveys and the superscript conveys are the superscript conveys and the superscript conveys are the superscript conveys an because Crossman supposedly talked the Cabinet (or "a strong minority") into prefer-ring June 18 to Sir Harold's

proposed date of June 11.
Sir Harold's explanation is
laboured. He declares that,
despite Labour losses in county council elections in April, there was in May clear evidence of a pro-government groundswell in the constituencies. Crossman Almost alone.

four-week campaign was to be observed. Sir Harold maintains that Labour would have won a three-week campaign, or won in four weeks had they started a week earlier. He suggests that Crossman managed to forget his

devoted to rebutting what he views as Crossman's obsessive central "theory" that the Cabinet had become a creature of the presidential Prime stand the proposition that a Prime Minister is more powerful than any other member of his Cabinet but not more powerful than two or three senior ministers working together, and certainly not more powerful than the rest of the Cabinet taken as a whole.

In particular Sir Harold re-jects the Crossman theory that the Prime Minister of the day, regardless of what a Cabinet Continued on page 2, col 2

South-east firemen press executive to recall national union conference

Donald Macintyre abour Reporter

The Fire Brigades Union Executive meets again today rithout any real sign that the leadlock in the six-week strike s about to be broken.

The union's south-eastern region, made up of Surrey, Kent and Sussex, yesterday again mandated Mr David Shep press for a recall of the national conference, which alone has the power to end the strike. Merseyside firemen are con-

raning an inter-union confer-ence in Liverpool on January in the hope of attracting sup-Port for one-dry stoppages on January 16, when a mass lobby of Westminster in support of the union's case is planned. Mr Tereuce Field, the Merby executive member, and Mr John Lewis, the London execu-

Eve member, are expected to press for tougher action. Mr James Sillars, MP, for Ayrshire, South, a former fireman, has written to Mr Rees, ilone Secretary, suggesting that the formula for firemen's pay, which would link their pay to killed industrial workers by November, 1979, should be inderwritten by Act of Parlia-Return to work: Two fifths of

the striking firemen in Hertfordshire reported for work yesterday (our Colchester yesterday correspondent writes). The 70 men who have joined 40 part-timers who did not take part in the strike blamed lack

of money for their decision.
Action by women: Thirteen
woman members of the union
at Peterborough want to return because they are short of money (the Press Association reports). Mrs Janet Summers, senior control operator at Peterborough fire service headquarters, said: Quite a few of the women are breadwinners, with no men in

Their request will be con-sidered at the next meeting of the Cambridgeshire Emergency Committee on January 3. Striking firemen complained vesterday that they were not given the chance to try to save two children who died in a fire in north London.

Christopher Havock, aged nine, and his sister, Alicia, aged seven, were in a first-floor bedroom when fire swept through their parents' small terrace house in Bulwer Road, Edmon-

Mr Bernard Bavock, aged 31 and his wife Caroline, aged 28, fire within a week in a Wisbech her brother, Mr Miles Thein-flat a man was being intermaung, aged 26, and his wife viewed by the police last night.

escaped. Mr John Ayres, union branch

secretary at Edmonton fire station, said that he and five others were on picket duty at the rime and could have got to the house in three minutes if the police had alerted them immediately.

He said the first they knew about it was when another fire-man, who had a relative living in the road, told them. "We got our breathing apparatus and the whole crew of six drove to the bouse, but by the time we got there the house was burnt out.

A fire brigade control official said the 999 call was received at 5.08 am, the police checked it, and the order to mobilize was received at 5.13 am. The first Green Goddess arrived shortly before 5.23 am. An RAP rescue team with breathing apparatus had arrived earlier. The Ministry of Defence con-firmed vesterday that soldiers who have been sent to the Military Corrective Training Centre at Colchester for offences against discipline were called in to release troops for a Christ-mas and new year break. Man questioned: After a second fire within a week in a Wisbech

Metric motoring change may take years

By Perer Waymark

Motoring Correspondent
An announcement that the
Government intends to introonce the metric system on
British toads is expected from
Mr Rodgers, Secretary of State
for Transport, early in the new
year. But it may by 1985-before
the conversion from miles to the conversion from miles to

kilometres is complete.

Britain has been committed to making the change since she joined the EEC, and the Government has been under shong pressure from the Com-munity for an early decision. Mr Rodgers's first step will be to circulate a consultation paper among interested bodies, such as the morring organiza-tions and local authorities. They will be given three months to submit comments and sugges-After considering the sub-

missions the minister

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Gun murder in Rome

Signor Angelo Pistolesi, an Italian right-

winger held briefly last year under suspicion of complicity in the murder of a young communist, was shot idead in Rome yesterday. He was shot in the

Although the retail trade did at best only reasonable business before Christ-

only reasonable business before Christ-mas. West End stores reported crowds of bargain hunters, and takings indica-ted that last year's figures would be exceeded.

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Spina bifida: MPs are being asked to

support law reform to safeguard spina bifida babies against premature death

back as he was leaving for work

Bargain-hunters

Dive

formulate draft proposals, which will be sent for approval to the EEC.

But that is not likely to happen before 1980 at the earliest; the minimum period of fulfilment was being put by officials yesterday at five

years.

Speed limit signs, being mandatory, will have to be changed as quickly as possible and that will probably happen in one operation so as to cause the least confusion to drivers. the least confusion to drivers. The change of informational signs, those giving the distance from one place to another, will be done more gradually. Most of the cost of conversion will stall a local conversion will fall on local authorities

Speed limits are not likely to change much as a result of conversion into kilometres an hour. The 30mph in built-up areas, which is the equivalent of 48kmh, will probably be-

Arts, page 5 Sheridan Moriey talks to Marvin Hamlisch

drivers will easily

The 40mph limit will be rounded up slightly to 65kmh and the 60mph limit, which applies to all single-carriageway roads not otherwise restricted might become 100kmh, though 95kmh is a nearer equivalent. The most contentions change The most contentious change will concern the 70mph limit on motorways and other dual-carriageway roads. The nearest metric round figure is 110kmh, equivalent to just over 58mph, but there will be pressure on the Government to go for a higher limit.

The Automobile Association maintains that the 70mph limit tends to create dangerous

tends to create dangerous bunching, and suggests that it should be advisory only. It would like the legal limit to be raised to 80mph, about 130 kmh. Leading article, page 9

Mr Churchill in mercy flight to help German boy By Our Foreign Staff

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Letters: On the future of Myra Hindley, from Lord Longford; Planning controls on builders, from Mr Ian Deslandes Leading articles: Unemployment; China's political economy; Metric roads Features, pages 8 and 11
David Blake asks whether the world can avoid another economic recession; Geraldine Norman concludes her examination of the challenge of industrialized societies
Arts, page 5 A West German boy uged eight yesterday received a kid-ney flown to Hamburg by Mr Winston Churchill, MP, in his private aircraft. Hamburg-Eppendorf University hospital said the transplant had been Sheridan Morley talks to Marvin Hamlisch; Stanley Reynolds on Orphcus in the Underground (BEC 2); Barry Milligan on the Patlour Quartet; Patrick J. Smith on concertos commissioned by the New York Philharmonic Orchestra Oblitary, page 10
Sir Herbert Seddon; Mrs Kathleen Clark; Lotte Schöne
Sport, page 6 and 7 successful.

Mr Churchill, Conservative MP for Streeford, had piloted his two-engine Piper Seneca through gale-ferce winds from Gatwick airport to Hamburg to deliver the kidney of a man-aged 44. His wife Mary novigated.

The mission was organized by the air wing of St John Ambu-lance Brigade. lance Brigade.

The kidney, which became available at the Royal Free Hospital, London, was handed over at Gatwick early yesterday murning. "There was a forcenine gale during the flight across the North Sea, but I've met worse weather", Mr Churchill said on his return.

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PO heading for big surplus again

The Post Office, which last summer was required to return more than £100m in excess profits to telephone sub-scribers, is heading for a big surplus in e current financial year. Speculation based on internal preliminary counts—puts it at £450m, but a okesman for the corporation said this zure was too high. Earlier this month, T. William Barlow, the new Post Office Earnan, seid he hoped telephone larges could be held beyond next pring. Page 13

Nuclear decision outh Africa is expected to announce 100 its decision to go ahead with the onstruction of a uranium enrichment lant for nuclear fuel. It is concerned 12t if sanctions are stepped up, the nited States may refuse to supply twicked uranium for a power station being built near Cape Town Page 4

Staff dishonesty

The demand for undercover agents by businesses worried about staff dis-honesty is increasing. One agency that specializes in providing them says its business is increasing by about a fifth Page 2

a year 'Parrot's Beak' war

Vietnamese troops are fighting Cambodian forces in the "Partot's Beak", some 50 miles from Saigon, according to diplemente sources. Observers estimated mate that 20,000 Cambodian regular troops are engaged. Analysts suggest that this may be the beginning of a Sino-Soviet war by proxy

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New Fed chairman

Mr G. W. Miller, president of Textron, is to replace Dr Arthur Burns as chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, it was reported in Washington less night Page 13

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An ambulance and police escort met them at Hamburg.

Increasing demand by businesses for undercover agents

By Peter Evans Home Affairs Correspondent

The demand for undercover by businesses worried about staff dishonesty is increasing. Lodge Service (Security) Ltd. which specialize in providing them, says the undercover business is growing by about a fifth a year.

The amount of stealing by staff has been obscured by publicity given to shoplifting, particularly some of its more bizarre aspects, such as theft by Arabs and others with respectability to lose and pounds

Some estimates put the annual loss to retailers through pilfering at more than £500m a year, seven tenths of it by staff, the rest through shoplifting and other dishenesty by customers although not all firms put su much blame on staff, the 2rowiddustry, commerce and retailing has detected some astonishing examples of organized theft.

Mr Howard Sledmere, of Lodge Service told me that in one business an undercover agent discovered a widespread racket in men's and women's "Ultimately the police had to be called in. But they had to be called our again because the firm would have lost u third of its staff at one of the busiest times of the year."

An undercover agent is chosen for his clean record, ability to fit into a variety of win the confidence of other workers where he is operating, and to work long hours.

The 140 applicants who responded recently to a carefully-worded advertisement work pruned eventually to three, and Lodge Service, which trains them and superrises operations, likes to sharpen their vigilance by using them as store detectives between spells of clandestine

Only two people in the client firm are likely to know that an agent is installed. He applies in the normal way for a job there, in a warehouse or some other place where loss is

Each night, after what other people would regard as a normal working day, the agent produces in the vernacular an account of what he has seen. Lodge's executives make no artempt to edit it, as the flavour of the report and time of language may have measures. of language may have meanings for the client that an edited version might obscure.

The reports are sent weekly to the managing director, usually to his private address, or that of his delegate. Apart from the obvious need to ensure an undercover man's safety, one reason for limiting his contacts may have given the opportunity for pilfering or for meladmini-

Visa difficulties

With two players, Sax of Hun-

gary and Suba of Romania, still missing because of visa troubles,

and a third. Hort of Czechesto-vakia, arriving too late, only five games could be played in the first round of the Premier chess tourna-ment at Hastings yesterday.

The lively play more than made up for the uneven nature of the round, however, and it was particularly pleasing to find the young british contingent doing well against some powerful opponents.

Nuon and Speelman played two

teady draws against Drindzihashvili and Shamkovich.

Fire grandmasters. But Jonathan Fiscall, the young American, proved no march for the former world champion, Petrosian, who won on time with 13 moves to go.

Shortly afterwards, Simon Webb-scored a well-merited victory over Sveshnikov, the young Russian grandmaster, and George Botterill.

Centits in tound one: Num 1.,
D'indzinsheitt 2., Care Kann det;
Stemkorich 1., Spedman 2. Stellian der; Tieda'l O. Petrosian I. Stellian det; weshnibor O. Wesh 1. Fronch det; botterill 1. Kagan U. Robat-ch det;

Lorries will replace the Royal avy's 130-year-old link

between Portsmouth dockyard

and the mainline rail system which has been cut because old

Lord Hillingdon, aged 55, was granted a decree nisi in London

needed for redevelopment.

Rail link broken

Decree for peer

upset start of

chess contest

From Harry Golombek Chess Correspondent

One agent, who was put into the local branch of a worried discount retailing group, described how the manager spent his afternoons there watching horse racing on tele-vision. The report said the staff were indolent and aggressive with customers, the stock was not being checked into the system, and small items were being stolen in a dribble steady enough to affect profits. The effect of the surveillance was a "shake-out" of staff up to the level of area manager, and a

rise afterwards in sales.

The job of the undercover agent is to identify where loss big theft is planned he may have to telephone an executive at Lodge Service at night, when outportunity occurs, so as to alert the police. As a result of connection with the police 510,000 worth of furniture was recently restored to a client.

One gain from undercover work is that management cets a more accurate picture of shop-floor attitudes. Mr Sledmere cays. Knowledge of the source of dissatisfaction makes reme-ries possible. These impresries possible. These impressions are not easy to obtain in a conventional way. Many directors are told only what pennle want them to hear."

After Stadmere has reassuring provers for company directors.

who may trouble themselves with such questions as: "How do the unions reset? Do such operational methods not smack of totalitarianism? What is the effect on internal morale if the use of internal observation comes to the ears of staff?"

Mr Sledmere replies: "Most fears are allayed on all counts by virtue of the fect that the observer has given in notice or heen dismissed before the final clear-up. It has even been known for him to be picked no 'for another job in Liverpool', even if he cannot be previously withdrawn.

withdrawn.

"As far as the unions are concerned, of the limited number of times that card-carrying members have been involved, almost without exception they have expressed the view that they have no wish to be working cheek by jowl with villains and have shown their understanding of the need to adopt unusual procedures to bring back profit

Stability."
Only once in Lodge Service's experience has a cover been penetrated, and that was the result of misjudement by the management of the company in

which he was working.
But agents have to remain olert. After working a week in the vard of a wholesale depart-ment, one of Lodge's most ev perienced men looked up to see a lorry entering with a familiar face behind the wheel. The driver had done three years imprisonment as the result of the agent's observations at a previous company. The agent

the entire discussion and im-pose his idiosyncratic doctrine

by sitting down the following day with a secretary of the Cabinet to . . . cook the minutes ".

Having called Crossman " a

philosopher-king ", 1 " compul-sive teacher". Sir Harold-now finds that "even a second-year student would never have sought to maintain such a thesis". He says that refutation is simple: if the review of Cabinet decisions "were any-thing but meticulous" it would be challenged by the too civil

be challenged by the top civil

In his eight years as Prime

Minister he could not recall a single challenge or a case of

the minutes being queried later.

Whatever Crossman was, Sir Harold holds that "he was

navor a serious politician", even though he praises his min-isterial reforms in the health service and in local government.

service and in local government, and in expanding Commons select committees. He continually speaks of him as a compulsive educator, and clearly views the diaries as part of the process of educating the public that ought to have been

restrained or at least delayed.
He supports the Radcliffe committee of Privy Councillors in recommending a 15-year rule.

Anything less would destroy the

mutual crust required for Cabinet government, which, in any case, Sir Narold argues.

servants.

Crossman'a compulsive

might decide, "could reverse vanced..." selected and arbitrarily ad-

educator'-Sir Harold

Campaign to safeguard spina bifida babies

By David Nicholson-Lord

A reform of the law making it mandatory for deaths in the first year of life to be reported to a coroner is being urged by the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children in a new campaign to safeguard spina bifida babies against premature death through over-sedation.

The society stated yesterday The society stated yesterday that there was growing evidence of doctors' prescribing large overdoses of sleep-inducing drugs for babies born with such severe spina bified that no operation is possible. The babies do not cry when they are hungry and die through lack of food.

Dr Margaret White, vice-chairman of the society, esti-mated that about a fifth of the two thousand bables born every year with spine bifide, a condition involving malformation of the spine and spinal cord, were being allowed to die in that way.

Nearly two bundred MPs are being asked in a letter to support the reform. The society says inquests or full reports would not be needed in all cases, but coroners, and procurators fiscal in Scotland, would be able to check on treatment in centres with high death rates among handicapped children. Only two or three cases a month would require to be checked

Mrs Phyllis Bowman, direc-tor of the society, said she had received reports of the "gradual sedation regime" occurring in between 10 and 15 hospitals. Many doctors and nurses were afraid to disclose the facts publicly, however, fearing that their careers might



Paul Warneck, despite spina bifida, climbs 18 flights.

Some doctors were reporting Some doctors were reporting a 160 per cent death rate in the early months of life among spina bifida babies who do not undergo an operation. Usually more than half those babies would leave hospital alive, even though most of them would not surrive beyond the age of two or three.

Commons questions are to be tabled by Mr Nicholas Winter-ton, Conservative MP for ton, Conserv Macclesfield.

she had witnessed a case of over-sedation when working in the neonatal ward of a Glasgow children's hospital.

Mrs Betty Warneck, of Dudley, West Midlands, the mother of a 14-year-old boy suffering from the condition said that despite medical fore casis that he would be mentally defective if he survived beyond the age of three he was among the top pupils in his class on most subjects and recently At a press conference to climbed the stairs to the lounch the campaign yesterday family's eighteenth-floor flat Mrs Anne Wood, a nurse, said during a lift strike.

Stores pin hopes on sales after slow trade before Christmas

The retail trade is pinning its hopes on the sales, many of which storted vesterday after the Christonas holiday. For most shookeepers the days before the toliday yielded at best only a reasonable level of business.

. Many have done well to secure a 15 per cent rise in the secure a 15 per cent rise in the value of sales, which means, with inflation, virtually no real growth over last, year's figures. The John Lewis Partnership, whose returns are a reliable guide, was selling slightly below forecast in the 20 weeks ended December 17: a 15.4 per cent growth by value was set against an estimated 16 per cent for the half-year compared with the same period last year.

previous company. The agent escurates a bout a fifth by value and considers that by no means dis-

of the timing of the 1966 elec-

he had agreed the date in January with Mr George Brown,

as his deputy. Crossman had felt that he alone should be my confidant, adviser, deter-

But Sir Harold says that

because Crossman, was also a compulsive leaker to journalists, also seeking to educate them, "Dick was the one person I could not consult". The diaries' suggestion that the

diaries' editors, Sir Harold run-gects that they are "not neces-sarily those which Dick would have published had he lived"...

He concedes that Crossman was extraordinarily frank in admitting when he was wrong and carrying the can", but "some of the facts he recorded are

appointing. Before Christmas the West End of London saw Before Christmas generally lower sales volumes. probably because there were fewer foreign visitors-

However. West End store chiefs said that yesterday's takings indicated that last year's figures, themselves a record, would be overtaken. Street, as crowds packed every floor, Mr Mark Galley, the regional promotions manager. said: "I would not be surprised if we achieved a 30 per cent increase this year."

All the special bargains, including from ture, carpets, kitchen equipment and television sets, had been snapped up by about lunchtime. Bargain hunters some of whom camped the half-year compared with the same period last year.

Debenhams, with nearly 80 were rewarded with a complistores covering most of Britain, memory champague breakfast.

hundred people waiting to get in. At opening time there were nearer six hundred. We are expecting a bumper sales increase." He thought shoppers had held back Christmas money to get better value.

Liberty's reported morning figures better than last year's. "We are about 20 per cent up this time", a representative said. Scarves, fabrics and fash-

said. Scarves, fabrics and fashions were selling well.

At Swan and Bdgar, Mr John
Grice, the store director, said
sales had exceeded expectations. Some people had camped
outside for two days, including
a family with three children,
one in a pram. They bought a
sheepskin coat reduced from
£115 to £15; a suede coat reduced from £99.95 to £9.95; and
toys.

Even stores for which yesterday was only a preview day "Shortly before our doors being shown by shoppers that opened there were about three business would be good.

Polend, will conduct his Pre-ludes and Fugue. The composers' willingness to appear with the Sinfonierta is Miners show more support an indication of the high repu-tation it enjoys on the Conti-nent, where its frequent appear-ances have gained critical acclaim. Since it was founded a decade ago by Nichous Snowman and David Atherton, the Sinfonietta,

Continued from page 1

Mr McGahey said, the union recognized that incentive schemes were coming in but said it was seeking to retain the unity of the Scottish miners. That was the purpose of area rather than local agreements. "I do not take it personally but I see it as a setback because I am still against incentive schemes that are divisive."

Mr James Cowan, Scortish director of the National Coal Board, welcomed the desision. Great care will be taken by diaries' suggestion that the date was settled in a tete-a-tête in February ignored the facts. He gives one example of Crossman's leaking when he educated lobby journalists over Cabinet divisions at what Sir Harold describes as their weekly unattributable briefing with the Leader of the House. Cabinet silence was enjoined on a pending decision over expelled Kenya 'Assians. The next day the Cabiner's divisions were splashed on every front page. Crossman had protested that he had not leaked, but had merely listed the two possible approaches.

Yenturing that he in no way impugned the integrity of the diaries' editors, Sir Harold rugthe board to have a uniform area approach", he said. An agreement might be retrospec-

Interest is increasing among Yorkshire's 65,000 miners and men at 20 collieries out of 66 in the coalfield have expressed varying degrees of enthusiasm. At 15 pits, branches favour pro-ductivity schemes.

One branch has written to the management declaring an interest and three have sent deputa-tions to the management on behalf of individual face teams. Informal discussions have taken place at one branch. The outcome of the ballot,

however, may binge on the way in which the question on the ballot paper is phrased. According to Mr Arthur Scargill, the Yorkshire miners' president, the area council has decided that the ballot will determine "whether or not in the light of the present position, they agree to reaffirm their opposition to the introduction of an incentive scheme on an area basis,", and to ascertain "if the member ship are prepared to take whatever industrial action may be coal working under Newstead Abbey rare. Newstead Abbey rare. Newstead Abbey rare.

for productivity schemes wage basis no less than any other nuneworker in Britain for the same job ".

the same job".

There appears at this stage to be no other choice. If Yorkshire miners vote for an area productivity deal the case is clear. If they vote against it they automatically vote for industrial action to achieve the same pay as men doing the same job elsewhere and engaged in incentive deals. For men who want neither incentive schemes nor industrial action there appears to be no action there appears to be no provision. Concern has been expressed

in Yorkshire that area incentive schemes are an unknown quantity. Further, there appears to be nothing to suggest that if an area scheme was rejected local pit schemes would be banned. That might be in the minds of the deputations from the three pits, South Kirkby, Grimethorpe and Dearne Valley, who are seeking schemes for individual teams.

Secretary named: The next general secretary of the Scottish area of the National Union of area of the National Union of Mineworkers is to be Mr Eric Ciarke, aged 44, of Edinburgh. He won yesterday ar an area delegate meeting by a large majority over two other candidates. He was also elected Scotish member of the union's national executive. national executive.

Mr Clarke said he was on the left of the Labour Party. He is prospective parliamentary can-didate for Stirlingshire, East and Clackmannan, and a mem-ber of Lothian Regional Coun-

Gazumping back in home-buying market

By a Staff Reporter
Gazumping has returned to
the home-buying market, according to a report published yesterday by the chief surveyor of a large building society. The practice has not become widespread yet but in one case it added nearly £6,000 to the price of a house near London

Mr Peter Moreton, the author of the report and chief surveyor for the Anglia Building Society, for the Anglia building society, said gazumping was returning to sales in the middle price range, aften in "the most sought-after commuter best areas". The worst case reported was in November at Morden, south

London, when the price of a four bedroom house rose from £18.000 to £23,500. At Burbage, Leicestershire, the other pro-perty, which Mr Moreton said was not a luxury class house ". increased in price by £2,750.

Gazumping began to return towards the end of the year. Mr Moreton said one reason was the continued shortage of housing. Sellers had also been reducing their prices in the past year because the market had been in the doldrums and pricing had not kept pace with rising demand.

He did not accept that the halffing cocieties was to have Moreton said one reason was

building societies were to blame

By Our Motoring Correspondent
The stricter annual vehicle
test for cars introduced a year
ago is being far from uniformly
administered, according to a
survey by the Automobile Assoclation magazine, Drive.
Drive put an Austin 1100
manufactured 11 years ago, and

bought at a public auction with a five-day-old pass certificate, through the test at 21 garages. Although it failed every time the garages could not agree on its faults or discover some that

its faults or discover some that were potentially dangerous.
According to AA engineers who examined the car after it was bought there were 25 important defects that made the vehicle "totally unroadworthy and dangerous". They considered that the car should not be used on public roads until repairs had been done.

By Our Music Reporter Two of Europe? leading com-posers will visit Britain next

month to appear at the tenth anniversary concert of the Lon-don Sinfonietta, an orchestra-that specializes in modern

Luciano Berio, from Italy, will conduct two of his own works, Difference: and Points

on the curve to find, and Witold Lutoslawski, from

Crew safely off

The 28 members of the crew of the Conqueror, the Grimsby trawler, stuck fast ou rocks off the Coroish coast, were all safely off the film vessel last night as salvage experts worked on. They were taken off by Penlee lifeboar. The Conqueror went aground near Mousehole berbour in Theselarie rales.

barbour in Toesday's gales,

stranded ship

have played a role in the great gazumping period of 1972 and 1973.

He did not think the practice was widespread at present, and the Morden case was excep-tional in terms of the money involved. increased the average amount involved might be a tenth of the original selling price.
In the past few month-

estate agents in some of the more popular areas of central London have reported little new property on their lists. In the mon to find one property on the lists of three or four agents. The National Association of

Estate Agents said yesterday that if gazumping became wide-spread again it was likely that the building societies would try to put a brake on it by reducing the funds. Legislation, if introduced, might follow the example of Scottish law, which makes the acceptance of an offer more binding on both parties. The Royal Institute of Chart-

ered Surveyors has also had re-ports from members about recent cases. It said: "There is no evidence at all of any recurrence of gazumping. It has because funds were still being always occurred where people rationed, although they might want a particular property."

Garages differed on car

European composers are

to make London visit

that failed 21 tests

baffled over drug in mushroom

A mushroom that apparently infringes on Act of Parliament baffled Mr St John Harmyworth, at Mariborough Street Magistrates Court, London, yesterday, when he heard that the legal position was up-

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The tiny mushrooms can be found growing in such places as Claphan Common and Hydo Park, the court was told, but if taken would produce similar effect: to LSD Michael Clear, unemployed.

who was charged under the Misuse of Drugs Act, 1971, and the mushrooms could be cated with toast. The magistrate said: "I have

never heard of these mushroom, before. There is no legal "I am sold they arew is Hyde Park. I am roing to dismiss the charge and if they

omenne can appeal against my decision to see what the perition is." Mr Clear, aged 25, a squatter living at Rectory Gardens

Clapham, had plyaded guilty, so the mugistrate granted him an absolute discharge. Mr Clear, who also admitted the Head possession of 299 grams of connobis resin, and the fined \$15, had been found with about fifty mushrooms when searched in the West End. Quoting from a leaflet pro-vided by the police labocatory,

Air Harmsworth said the mush-rooms grew freely in the linited Kingdom, particularly in Five of the garages failed the car on the ordinary black-and white VT21 refusal form; not on the red-and-white VT22 the wetter western districts. The leaflet read: "Legal advice should be taken in respect of any possible charges relating to form, which gives warning that the vehicle is dangerous for use these mushrooms, as the legal position is unresolved at the On the road.

One London garage not only refused to pass the vehicle but threatened to report Drive's investigator to the police if he drove it away. The Department of Transport's own centre at Hendon failed the car on a VT21 form, crossing out the word "dangerous" on the check list. moment."
The mushrooms were usually

eaten, the dose being two to to 30 mushrooms. Mr Clear had been charged with illegally having 5.5 grams of psilocybin, a class A drug found in the mushrooms. In November a man was given

a susneoded prison servence by a different magistrate for having two of them.

Mr Arthur Johnson, chairman of the Motor Agents' Association's technical committee, put the discrepancies down to difficulties of interpretation. "Many aspects of the test still rely on an examiner's own judgment", he said. Chaplin statue

A life-size statue of Sir Charles Chaplin in his Charlic Chaplin tramp's costume, standing in the heart of cockney London, was suggested yearerday as the capital's tribute to him.

difficulties that that represents in Britain, where support for contemporary music has never been great. today to commemorate Sir. Charles, who died on Christmas Day, aged 88. in character, Ne The orchestra does more tour-ing abroad than in Britain, because there is more money available there than for home was born into poverty in south London and Mr Harricgton soid. available there than for nome tours.

The concert on January 24 at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, London, will include the premiere of a work by Harrison Birtwistle, the British composer, entitled Carmen arcadiae mechanicae perpetuum, which will probably be conducted by the composer.

Simon Rattle will conduct Sir the statue should either be at-the Elephant and Castle, where he lived, or on the South Bank.
"I think Charlie ought to be, staring down the Old Kent Road", he said. "There is a \$1 great tradition in south London to remember the dead. We need Simon Ratel? will conduct Sir Michael Tippert's Songs for Dov, with Gerald English as the tenor soloist.

Stocks of detergent were sent to the Hamble river, near Southampton, last night when a pipeline fractured, releasing 2,500 galloos an hour of aviation spirit at Church Lane, Bursledon, near the busy A27 road.

on 'cockney' site suggested

players, has been a champion of modern music, with all the

Mr Hiltyd Harrington, a mem-ber of the Greater London Council, will ask the council. to commemorate great Logge doners, and the statue would held an inspiration to those who sew

got tremendous fun out of watching him."

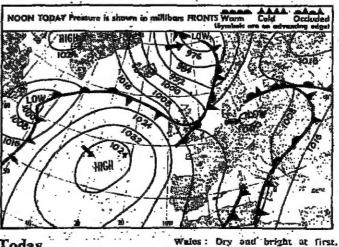
watching him.

The junction at the Elephant and Castle that Mr Harrington farours is the one at Wolworth Road. Old Kent Road, Bluck friars Road. Keanington Fark Road and Westminster Bridge Road, It is near Rowton House, where trangs could get a night's lodging for 1s 6d; "the iterat of cockney London". Mr Harrington said. road. Workers at the Shell fuel dump shuf down the pipe.

Weather forecast and recordings

Aviation fuel

spills in river



Today

Last quarter: January 2.
Lighting up: 4.29 pm to 7.36 am.
High water: Lookea Bridge,
3.50 am, 7.0m (22.8ft); 4.13 pm,
7.0m (22.8ft); 4.13 pm,
7.0m (22.8ft); 9.33 pm, 12.5m
(41.2ft). Dover, 12.51 am, 5.6m
(21.6ft); 1.7 pm, 6.4m (20.9ft).
Hull, 8.20 am, 6.7m (22.1ft);
8.13 pm, 7.0m (23.1ft). Liverpool,
1.8 am, 8.6m (28.3ft); 1.18 pm,
8.9m (29.1ft).

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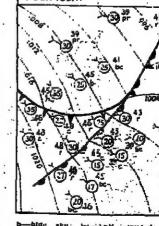
WEATHER REPORTS VESTERDAY MIDDAY : c. cloud ; d. drizzle : f. fair ; L. rain ; s. sun ; so, anow.

N Wales, NW, Central N, NE England, Lake District, Isle of Man: Cloudy, hill fog, rain becoming more widespread, sleet or snow on hills, clearer later, with scattered showers; wind W veering NW, fresh or strong; max temp 6°C to 7°C (43°F to 45°F). Borders, Edinburgh and Dundee,
Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow,
Moray Firth, N Ireland: Cloudy,
hill fog and rain, sleet or snow
on hills, bright intervals, later,
scattered showers: wind W to
NW, fresh or strong; max temp
6°C to 7°C (43°F to 45°F).

pressure moving SE from N
Britain.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

London, SE, Central S, SW
England, East Angla, Midaids, Chahnel Islands, S (43°F), falling later.



ing mostly clear oversight; wind W veeting NW, moderate, freshening; max temp 5°C to 8°C (43 F to 46°F): Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday: Mostly bright with wintry showers in N and E; rather cloudy in S and W at times, some rain or sites; generally rather cold, some troat; temp about normal in SW.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 6 am to 6 pm, 5°C (41°F): min, 6 pm to 6 am, 3°C (57°F), thumbing, 6 pm, 67 par cent. Rain, 20hr to 6 pm, 1.1hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1.2hr. millibars, ricine. 1,012.7 millibors, rising. 1,000 millibars = .29.13in.

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Crossman never comments of the policy of the necessary to ensure Yorkshire Abbey, near Nottingham mineworkers are paid on a day former home of Lord Byron. Royal Shakespeare heads for the City

By Martin Huckerby Theatre Reporter

The Royal Shakespeare Com-pany will make its debut at the Barbican Arts Centre next sum-mer during the City of London

Festival. A 1,200-seat theatre in the arts centre will eventually become the new London home for the company but it will not be ready for another two years. So next summer the company will be using the small but well equipped theatre in the new

premises of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama. The brief appearance next eventually give up its Wareyear indicates the importance house Theatre in Covent Carthe Royal Shakespeare Comden; there is a large reheared
pany attaches to developing its
relationship with the City.

It believes that as well as its ductions. It may also continue present audience there is another potential audience in the City. Offering bars and restaurants, an art gallery and a library, bookstalls and record theatres. Once it has moved into taurants, an art gallery and a library, bookstalls and record counters, it hopes to attract workers straight from their

Mr James Sargant, the company's Barbican administrator, said that with people coming to use the bars and restaurants as well as the big new library, they were considering a programme of lunch-time shows. It has not vet been decided whether the company will eventually give up its Ware-

the City, the Aldwych could be used as a regular West End The company is also hoping

to learn from the experience of the National Theatre, which has had great financial and technical difficulties since moving into an unfinished home on the South Bank.

Since the City of London will have overall responsibility for the arts centre, the Royal Shakespeare Company does not face the same kind of operating expense as the National Thea-

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HOME NEWS

By fan Bradley
The Chause authorities have invited Thomas Cook, the travel company, to bring 2,000 visitors into China lext year after previously setting the 1978 quota at 146. This year Cook has taken 120 visiture to China.

The invitation was made

The invitation was made to the invitation was made to Mr Trevor Davies, Cook's director of four operations, when he visited Peking just before Christmas. New areas are to be opened to tourists. He said vesterday that the Chinese seemed particularly interested in auracting European tourists. No similar increase in the number of visitors allowed has been made for American or Austra-

bar of visitors allowed has been made for American or Australasian tour operaturs.

Cook will run two basic holidays in China in 1978, with departures about every 10 days between February and October. An 11-day tour will cost £569 and a 13-day four £630, both traing in other Far Eastern countries.

Next year's programme will include visits to areas in northeast and south China that have previously been closed to tour

east and south China ther have previously been closed to touriers. New destinations will include Hangchow, Changchin, San and Manning.

The company has a long connexion with China. In 1874
Thomas Cook, the founder,
visited Peking and Shanghai on
his first world tour. The company maintained offices in both
cines and organized business
and holiday travel for Europeans in China early this century.

Thomson Houses, which started tours to China in the autumn, has places for 900 people on 18 holidays to China between the beautumne of January and the middle of May. It is effective 12 nights in Paking ary and the number of mas. It is offering 12 nights in Peking and three in Tokyo for £575 and a longer holiday in Peking and Shanghai for £680.

Prisoner returns

Alan Whintle, aged 29, who with another prisoner, escaped from Reading jail on December

Strate China raises Ban on Front material Potato ban tour quota in schools refused in schools refused schools 1700m 2,000 Exponent materials in schools refused Section Sec

Mirs Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science, has dismayed senior union leaders by rejecting their request for an early ban on National Front material from schools schools.

The TUC had urged Mrs Williams to advise education authorities to stop invitations to speakers from the party and the distribution of National Front literature in schools. It is now to tell her that it is extremely disappointed with her reply, which says that a decision should in any case await a report from a working party set up by the Commission on Racial Enality.

Mrs Williams's letter to the

Mrs Williams's letter to the TUC adds: "It would be wrong to underestimete the extent of National Front activity in the

to stay in defiance schools, but the last thing we want to do is to overestimate it and so give the National Front precisely the kind of fillip it would like."

She says that it is "not easy of EEC

By Hugh Clayton

The Government issued

Its purpose was to tell the rest of the EEC that the Gov-ernment will not dismantle

British farm marketing schemes if the Community can offer only anarchy in their place.

The potato ban is used to pro-

tect British growers from sud-

stabilize supplies through the operations of the Potato Market

Two climbers missing overight on a snow-swept mountain

in the Cairngorms were found safe and well in a remote valley

yesterday.

Mr Joseph Marchant, aged 32, and Mr Alan Granger, aged 40, both from London, got lost descending the mountain on Tuesday and walked 27 miles trying to find their bearings before eaching refugation.

before seeking refuge in a mountain shelter

Beauty spot plan

Tandridge District Council has received protests from hundreds of residents in east

Surrey against government pro-posals for an M25 motorway, service area in Titsey Wood, in an area of outstanding natural

The council's planning committee is to call for a public inquiry if the scheme is not

power Services does not believe that the removal of the ban will have any significant effect. In the past five years

fewer than a hundred applica tions for permits have been refused. Both the CBI and the

Irish Congress of Trade Unions have agreed to the termination

of the restrictions.

Mr John Cushnahan, secretary of the Alliance Party, said yesterday that there were more jobs available in the republic than in Ulster. "In fact.", he said, "the traffic has been the other way."

The Social Democratic and

brings protests

ing Board.

to try to outlaw any given set of ideas, however repugnant, without endangering legal freedom of expression. Nor is it clear, the letter maintains, how the law could be amended or used to that end.

Left-wingers on the TUC sub-Left-wingers on the TUC subcommittee that considered Mrs
Williams's respons argued
that it convested sharply with
the stand taken in the controversial Labour Party broadcast
on the National Front.

As a consequence the TUC
General Council has decided to
write again to Mrs Williams
"reiterating the need for immediate action to protect

mediate action to protect school children from racialist propaganda and agitation".

More young people are visiting Britain

Almost one visitor in three on Britain is aged 24 or under, according to the latest research newsletter of the British Tourist Authority. In 1975 they numbered 2,565,000 out of a total of 8,844,000.

Recent years have seen many more visitors under 16. The numbers rose by a quarter in both 1974 and 1975; that group now makes up 9 per cent

More than a third of the voung visitors in 1975 came from France and Germany, and 12 per cent from the United Fanes. The other main countries of origin were Belgium, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and Canada.

In 1972 the United States was the largest single source of young visitors, providing 22 per cent, but there was a steady decline until 1975. The tourist authority however, thinks that

Half the young visitors in 1975 were on holiday, nearly a lifth were visiting friends or relations, and a tenth were on full or part-time study courses. Those from southern European

age market expanded in the three years before 1975, and about a quarter bought a packaged travel deel that year. A fifth of young visitors came to Britain in 1975 in a group, such as a school or

likely to do so.

Those from southern European countries such as Greece, Italy and Spain (and to a lesser extent Scaadinavia) were most likely to be studying.

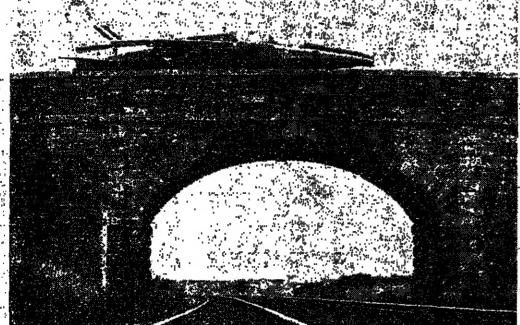
Most made independent arrangements for their visits.

Nevertheless the youth peck-

European countries being most Although young travellers accounted for 29 per cent of visitors to Britain in 1975, that was a smaller proportion than in West Germany and France, where they represented about 40 per cent

student party, young people from the northern and central





A Gnat jet trainer aircraft, which has completed its useful life at RAF Valley, Gwynedd, setting out on its last journey, being towed across a railway bridge on a flat-topped trolley.

Man who threw cigarettes to prisoners fined rrom Our Correspondent

Derek Podmore, aged 41, of Styche, Market Drayton, Salop, cleaded guilty at Shrewsbury Magistrates' Court yesterday to long found on prison premises for an unlawful purpose. He was fined £25.

Mr Podmore, who described himself as a professional poncher, was said by Inspector Roger Jenks to have used a ladder to scale the prison walls and shower cigarentes on to the prisoners at exercise below. He was said to have been wearing a Father Christmas outfit.

Mr Podmore, Mr Jenks added, asked for a specific prisoner to be brought forward as an inducement to him to come down and that was done. He threw the man cigarettes and wished him a merry Christ-

ot of concern to the authorities because it was necessary to call out an army Green Goddess (fire appliance) to get Mr Podmore down", Mr Jenks added. Mr Martin Rogerson, for the defence of Mr Podmore, sold was a seasonal prank with-tut any criminal or vicious latent by "a genuine eccenintent by

Peal of handbells

Mr Edward Futcher, aged 23, of Farnham, Surrey and three brothers, James, William and John Croft, of Shirley, Southcompron, set up what was claimed to be a record yesterday by ringing a bob major peal on handbells for 16 hours non-stop.

Ulster ends Act restricting workers The latest statistics show be-tween 4,000 and 5,000 people in the province with work permits, and the Department of Man-

Social workers see success

service department for a year.

Of 2,500 cases referred to the office, only 6 per cent were still receiving continuous social work help five months after the end of the study year.

Nearly half the cases were closed within a week of being referred.

In nearly a third of all cases

The researchers suggest that that tendency may be leading that tendency may be leading to the build-up of a "chronic clients.

The British Journal of Social Work, 7-3, 1977 (British Association of Social Workers, 16 Kent Street, Birmingham, BS 6RD).

in only a third of cases

Northern Ireland's Safeguarding of Employment Act, brought in by the Stormone Government in 1947 to protect the interests of Ulster workers, is to end on Saturday.

When the United Kingdom joined the EEC it was required to comply with the policy of free movement of workers within the Community, but a special case was made in respect of Northern Ireland where pect of Northern Ireland, where the restriction under the Act was accepted for a further five

Originally the Act was inten-ded to exclude workers, par-ticularly from the Irish Republic, from taking up employment in Northern Ireland, where the

Social workers interviewed

for a research study felt that

they had achieved their aims in only a third of the cases

they dealt with.

The study, published today in the Eritish Journal of Social

Work, monitored the work of

the intake unit in an area office of Southampton social service department for a year.

By a Staff Reporter

level of uneployment has always been much above that of the rest of the United King-

It also ensured that citizens of the Irish Republic or elsewhere, except in certain speci-fied categories, to whom permits were granted, would be unable to establish the necessary resi-dence qualifications that would give them the right to vote in Ulster elections.

Ulster elections.

Permits were granted to doctors, teachers, university professors, and those "in the service of the husband or wife of the employed person". The last mentioned gave an opportunity to the families of workers who could establish an industry in the teacher to take an industry in Ulster to take up employment and has enabled, for example, the owners of Chinese res-taurants to bring their families.

needs, or because other cases

were deemed to have higher

priority. The social workers

saw as their first priority the

provision of protective services

for the most vulnerable groups,

the very young and heapless, and the very old and disabled. The researchers suggest that that tendency may be leading to the build-up of a "chronic population" of social work

The Social Democratic and Labour Party welcomed the ending of "a ridiculous situaseen as threat the social service department withdrew, either because it had not the appropriate re-sources to meet the client's

A £300,000 drainage schem is threatening rare wildlife at one of southern England's last remaining wetlands, Amberley Wildbrooks, West Sussex.

The Council for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE) has stepped in to ask Mr Silkin the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Food, to call a public inquiry into the Southern

Under the plan about 900 icres of the river Arun's flood plain at the foot of the South Downs would be drained. Conservationists fear that would ruin the scientific value of the area, which is used by Bewick's swans, widgeon, teal and shoveler as winter shelter.

If the scheme is approved the Ministry of Agriculture would provide four fifths of the cost In a letter to Mr Silkin, Mr Christopher Hall, director of the CPRE, points out that the Nature Conservancy Council is proposing to designate about 600 acres of the area as an official site of scientific interest.

WEST EUROPE

Politician of far right killed on Rome street

From Our Own Correspondent Rome, Dec 28

The latest victim of renewed challenge yesterday to the guardians of EEC farm policy. It came in a laconic statement political violence in Italy is Angelo Pistolesi, a member of the extreme right, who was killed here today with a pistol-shot in the back as he left from the Ministry of Agricul-ture, Fisheries and Food: "The oan on imports of maincrop poratoes will continue until furtier notice." home for work His assassination follows the

wounding during the Christmas weekend of two young people of the extreme left. However, it is by no means certain that today's death is the inevitable result of a swing of the pendu-lum of violence from left to right. Signor Pistolesi's life was somewhat complicated. He is well known here for having accompanied the exden cut-price competition. It is one of the measures used to

treme right-wing deputy, Signor Sandro Saccucci, to the hill town of Sezze Romano during the 1976 general election and to have driven him out of the town in a car after a Communist, youth had been killed. Signor Saccucci then fied to London

The ban obstructs free trade in the Community Under the rules of accession to EEC membership Britain has until Saturday to remove such obstacles. Ministers justify their refusal to do so in the case of potatoes on the ground that the rules of Signor Pistolesi was charged with complicity in homicide but remained under acrest only on the ground that the rules of the common agricultural policy do not yet apply to them.

Welsh farmers called yester day for a rise of almost three quarters in the guaranteed price briefly. A decision had yet to be taken on whether he should stand trial. He had also had other clashes with the law. other clashes with the law.

Police believe that his killer
was conteoled behind a telephone booth outside the block
of flats in which Signor Pistolesi
lived. He was about to step
into his orange Volkswagen to
drive to the offices of the electricity board where he worked
when the three shots were fired. quarters in the guaranteed price of potatoes next year. They said growers needed £80 a tonne, compared with less than £50 fixed by the Government this year. The claim was made by the Farmers' Union of Wales, the only one of the four British farming unions that publishes increases sought in farm price when the three shots were fired.
Signor Pistolesi was a candidate in the far right wing lists in the 1976 local government ncreases sought in farm price

The union also said it wanted the present British system of payments to continue on sheep. The governing Christian They, too, are not yet covered The governing Christian Democrats today continued their efforts to find some way of avoiding either the collapse of their minority administration or a recourse to another general election. Talk of an election in present circumstances was described today by Signor Ugo la Malfa, the Republican leader, as "the ultimate folly". In two interviews he called for an emergency government The union called for 54p a gallon for milk from the start of 1978, Mr T. Myredin Evens, president of the union, said: In Brussels British form prices

are being bartered for political purposes. We face subsidized compenition from Danish bacon producers, with butter from the Netherlands, and our Government is paying the Irish to destroy confidence in the best industries. for an emergency government including the Communists to meet a situation which he feels threatens disaster. "The more I think of this situation", he stated, "the more I think there is no other road. It is a country increasingly cut off from Europe. It increasingly resembles a South American

country. Signor Giorgio Napolitano, the leading Communist spokesman on the economy, said today that only with the Communists in Government could there be the necessary decisive change. He pointed out that to save the country, measures were needed which would be painful not only

for the privileged classes.

On this point, the Government has yet to hear the final answer of the trade unions on whether they will insist on the general strike planned for mid-January. At the moment there seems to be little chance of



General Antonio de Spinola, who led the April, 1974, overthrow of the Caetano regime and was first President of the new republic until September, 1974, when he was accused of involvement in a right-wing coup attempt, rides with his grandchildren on his estate at Cascais.

Dr Soares will try to form new government

Lisbon, Dec 28 Dr Soares, the Portuguese Socialist Leader, has accented the invitation of President Easies to try to form a second constitutional government.

Consequences government.

The first constitutional Government, which came into power in July last year and was also beaded by Dr Scores, was overthrown by the portismentary opposition parties earlier this month after the Prime Manie levels and the prime

Dr Soares said today that he would attempt to form a govern-

ment ofter negotiations with the other parties.

Discussions falled to estabbiscussions tailed to estab-lish a plouform of agreement earlier this month, but in the past few days President Eanes has had intensive talks with the party leaders, and it would appear that some softening of party attitudes has taken place in the national interest.

The Social and Christian Democrats have insisted on a tripartite government excluding the Communists. Dr Cunthe Communist leader, has previously said that his party does not insist upon participa-tion in government.

Bonn buys 80 from prison

From Our Correspondent

from prison in East Germany in time to spend Christmas with their families. A substantial their families. A substantial offences. This reduces the num-payment by the West German ber of West Germans in East government enabled them to be German jails to about 400.

freed before serving their full

tenced for trying to help East Germans to escape to the West and for currency and traffic offences. This reduces the num-

the Christmas weekend, reports said here today.

The Bilboo newspaper El Corre Español y El Pueblo Vasco said that a spokesman for the "Adolf Hitler Commandos" telephoned its editorial offices yesterday to claim responsibility for both attacks. In Barcelona, about 400 right-wingers gathered vesterday to attend a Requiem Mass fc. vic-tims of terrorism. They later assembled on the church's steps, raised their arms in a fascist

Neo-Nazis

boast of

Spain

Madrid, Dec 28

attacks in

From Harry Debelius

Right-wing extremists have

claimed responsibility for

destroying a Basque priest's car and the Bilbao offices of the Spanish Communist Party over the Christmas weekend, reports

hymn: Face to the Sun. On Tenerife island, in the bank and a supermarket yester-day. The separatist Movement for the Self-determination and

independence of the Canary Islands, led from Algeria by Señor Antonio Cubillo, a Span-ish exile, is suspected. In Irun the Pasque separatist

movement ETA claimed responsibility for a bomb which recently wrecked the water works. They argued that the price of water was too high.
In Galdacano, also in the Easque region, three armed men believed to be members of ETA injacked a lorry carrying nearly a ton of plastic explosives today, after overpowering the driver
A general court martial
sentenced Captain José sentenced Captain José Ignacio Dominguez, an Air Force officer to seven years' jall and dismissed from the armed forces for his part in the unauthorized Democratic Mili-

tary Union. Captain Dominguez will not have to serve his term because of a recent amnesty. In Corunna, Senor Manuel Rivas Barros, a reporter, has been charged with sedition and with insulting the armed forces as the United Soldiers' Organi-

Inflation rate decreases in France

oper cent.

If the December index is of the same order, the rate of in-fiation for the year 1977 will stand at 9.5 per cent—about 1: per cent more than the Govern-

one objective was to achieve

a one-figure rare of inflation If one excludes increases in coffee and cocoa, which together

account for one point, over the past year, we shall at the end

From Our Correspondent

From Our Correspondent
Berlin, Dec 28
Frau Verena Becker, a
member of the Baader-Minhof
terrorist group, was today sentenced to life imprisonment by
a Stuttgart court for armed robbery and the attenuater of six policemen. When Frap Becker, who is 25 was brought into the court room she hit out at people

around her and said that she was not prepared to listen to the verdict. Six court officers were needed to control her before she was excluded at the The court heard that when

West Germany's border with Switzerland, Fran Becker tried to kill policemen to prevent her arrest, and that she con-tinued to fire at an injured policeman

Berlin in which a man was She was one of five prisoners freed in March, 1975, and flown to South Yemen in

on the British Yacht Club in

From Our Own Correspondent of 1977 schieve a rate of inflation of 8 per cent to 8.5 per down.

M Barre, the French Prime Minister, may at last be on the way to succeeding in his battle against inflation. The November ladex must be regarded as a real improvement of the price index published today shows an increase of only 0.4

January, 1977, were in fact to the contract of 1977 schieve a rate of inflation. The price of services, which had risen by 1.1 per cent in the price trend. Although those of December, 1976, and proposed to keep prices down.

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The price of services, which had risen by 1.1 per cent in September, was also kept in check by the Government's unpopular attempts last month to provide the services and the price of services

January, 1977, were in fact lower—0.3 per cent in each case—this result was achieved by artificial means: the blockof prices in the first case, a reduction of value added

per ceut more than the Government's predictions last summer; but about 0.5 per cent lower than in 1976.

Without the Government's due to the stability of food prices and of services, which had been responsible for the santi-inflation plan, however, the rate of inflation this year would have been 16 per cent, M Barre in November, compared with 0.6 per cent in October.

The prices of coffee, confectively.

The prices of coffee, confec-tionery, eggs, butter, vegetables, pork and poultry even fell last month, thous partly to govern-mental intervention. The "crois-sant war" war not all loss. This and the "Christmas butter"

The price of services, which had risen by 1.1 per cent in October and 0.7 per cent in September, was also kept in check by the Government's uncheck by the Government's unpopular attempts last month to
restrain abuses by cafés and
restaurants, which had a certain
effect of infinidation, according to Le Monde.

But prices of manufactured
goods went up by 0.7 per cent
in November. Textiles were the
main culprit. Profit margins

appear to have benefited retailers more than manufacturers and the unit cost of manpower rose by 7 per cent in 1977, as the result of a low industrial production combined with an average 10 per cent wage increase, and very small staff cuts—about 60,000 for the whole industrial sector.

This mend is likely to persist

This trend is likely to persist next year, with negative effects on the overall price index,

If you smell gas, remember the simple safety rules:-

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Sir Richard Marsh criticized by MP Sir Richard Marsh, chairman in a BBC radio interview on claims that Parliament has no the Newspaper Publishers Tuesday. Sir Richard said that power." When Sir Richard's executive the real political politic

Roard, was accused yesterday be Mc William Molloy, Labour MP for Ealing, North, of being a "Switch-chair executive", be-case, he said, Sir Richard's Comments altered according to

ment between ministers, the CBI and the trade unions.

Mr Molloy said of Sir Richard: "When he left the chelrmanship of British Rail he then complained that Darlie. then complained that Parlia-Job he was in.

ment had too much power and
it Molloy was criticizing was interfering too much with
ments made by Sir Richard nationalized industries. Now he

men of the British Railways was now done outside Partia-

In nearly a third of all cases

chair was answerable to the British people "he complains about the interference of Parlament, but when it is enswer-lament, but when it is enswer-able to no one he complains that Parliament has no power. "It must be a swivel chair that he has, so he can face the, way he wants to when its stats his purpose."

Water scheme is to rare wildlife By a Staff Reporter

Water Authority proposal, which would drastically alter the water-table and the land-

Life term for woman terrorist

she was arrested last May near Frau Becker was arrested for the first time in 1972 when she took part in a bomb attack

exchange for the release of Herr Peter Lorenz, West German authorities learnt in November, 1976, that Frau Becker had undergone training for hijackers in a camp of the Popular Front for

Turkish President demands more protection for academics after attempt to murder professor

to murder a professor at An-

Department of the School of complete loss of the freedom of Turkey since Mr Demirel's Engineering, was watching television at home when the door-hell rang, according to universal and faculty and administrative dead and more than 900 configuration.

sity sources.

Kis wife answered and two young men said they wanted to speak to the professor. She went in to tell her husband, and the campus.

Staff ".

Professor Sanalan is known as a social-democrat, but not as a prominent political figure on the campus.

President Fahri Koruturk

more before the attackers fled. Professor Sanaian, hit mainly in the throat and the abdomen, was later reported in a serious condition after a four-hour operation at the university hos-

pital.

Later in the day, hundreds of several men thought to be right of helping the rangery students and staff of the university. Turkey's fourth a group of students who had arrests are made.

'Perjury' by

in US bribes

From Our Own Correspondent
Washington, Dec 28
In a move apparently
designed to persuade witnesses
to be more forthcoming about
South Korean buying of influence on Capitol Hill, a congressional committee has
accused a senior secretary of
perjury and obstruction during
its investigations.

its investigations.

The ethics committee of the House of Representatives, which is looking into the so called "Koreagete scandes", last night accused Miss Bonnie Robinson, executive secretary to Mr Lester Wolff, a New York Democrat, of removing or destroying documents and

or destroying documents and then lying to investigators

rbour them.

Miss Robinson is alleged to have denied knowledge of the removal from a file of an address card for Mr Tongsun Park, a South Korean business.

man who is reputed to have been a central figure in the influence-buying scheme.

influence-buying scheme.
Congressional investigators are trying to persuade him to tetura to Washington from Scoul, where he has taken

refuge, to testify.

Mr Wolff, who is chairman

the House international lations sub-committee on sin and Pacific affairs, is nown to have had a number

Agency.
The ethics committee has no

nowers to prosecute Miss Robinson, but it could conceiv-

secretary

inquiry

From Sinan Fisek
Ankara, Dec 28

The political violence plagueing Turkey reached a new high
point last night with an attempt
ment building.

Ilargest, with 14,000 students and just climbed into a taxi outside the academy of architecture and engineering. Six
ment building.

The Hacetters are all forms of the prime ture and engineering six
ment building.

the taxi was reported in critical

condition with a head wound. The latest incidents brought

the toll of political violence in

ounded. Many observers blamed the

resurgence of violence on the fact that the Demirel Govern-ment is likely to be ousted in

a censure motion in Parliament

use of the Peace Corps, the United States Information Agency, the Agency for International Development and the Fulbright scholar scheme. "Additional groups", he said, "are clamouring to be admitted into this charmed circle."

To compensate for these losses, Mr Colby argued that certain federal agencies should be allowed to employ small numbers of intelligence officers "under proper administrative proper desired."

procedures.

"This will no more discredit the work of those agencies than the proper performance of intelligence work under the firm guidelines and supervision now established will discredit the United States as a whole", he maintained.

maintained.

During his testimony, Mr
Colby was frank enough to
admit that some propaganda
activities carried out by the CIA
through the news media had
their drawbacks. There had, for
example, been cases where false
information planted on a foreign

One of Mr Demirel's main

The Hacettepe executive council announced that it had Professor Yalcin Sanalan, decided to close the university aged 40, head of the Physics for a year in the face of the Department of the School of complete loss of the freedom of

the two youths, so far unidentified, pushed their way in, drew
pistols and opened fire.

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The president Fahri Koruturk
later sent a stiffly-worded message to Mr Demirel, the Prime
Minister, asking for the strictest
possible measures to ensure the safety of Turkey's academics.
Last night, in the eastern
Turkish rown of Siverek, three
unidentified people shot dead
Mr Ali Uslu, the director of
the local industrial school.

In Ankara this evening

Mr William Colby, a former

director of the Central Intelli-gence Agency (CIA), has urged Congress not to sever all links between American intelligence

Nevertheless, he said be ogreed with new guidelines adopted recently by Admiral Stansfield Turner, the present CIA director, which forbid payments to journalists for information assignments.

payments to journalists for in-formation or assignments on behalf of the agency. Mr Colby, who ran the CIA from 1973 until last year, was the opening witness during a five-day hear-ing by the intelligence commit-tee of the House of Representa-tives into CIA involvement with news organizations

news organizations.

Predictably, his testimony and that of other retired CIA officials failed to reveal details of specific missions carried out by the news media for the CIA, But it did highlight the problems confronting the agency since it fell into disrepute for its role in the downfall of President Alleode of Chile and other political events.

Washington, Dec 28

agencies and journalists.

Congress urged to let

CIA use journalists

One of Mr Demirel's main partners in the coalition is Colonel Alpaslan Turkes, head of the extreme right-wing Nationalist Action Party, whose youth branch, the "Hearths of Idealism" is known to be responsible for most of the violence. Progressive circles accuse part of the police force of helping the rightists, pointing to the fact that very few arrests are made. Mr Yassir Arafat, leader of the Palestine Liberation Organization, presses his case for support with President Tito during their meeting yesterday on the Yugoslav island of Brioni.

Cairo, Dec 28.—President Sadat today urged Israel to rethink its whole Middle East strategy after Sunday's summit with Mr Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister, which failed to produce agreement on the vital Palestinian question. He said another war with Israel was "unthinkable" but reiterated his opposition to the continued presence of Israeli troops on the West Bank of the River Jordan.

Asked after a joint press con-

West Bank of the River Jordan.

Asked after a joint press conference with Herr Schmidt, the West German Chancellor, to comment on Mr Begin's statement today that Israeli forces must remain on the West Bank, Mr Sadat said: "Egypt is against the presence of Israeli Forces on the West Bank."

Addressing the conference earlier, he said: "It is for Premier Begin to tell his people. To reevaluate the whole situa-

to reevaluate the whole situa-tion, especially after my visit to

tion, especially after my visit to Jerusalem and his visit to Ismailia, which have really built new facts in the area and new conceptions and approaches to the whole problem. Mr Sadat spoke soon after Mr Begin reported to the Israeli Knesset on the Christmas Day summit, sketching in the details so far unpublished of the plan he took there.

Asked to comment on Mr Begin's revelation before the Knesset that, under his peace since it fell into disrepute for its role in the downfall of President Alleade of Chile and other political events.

Mr Colby said that restrictions bulk up over the past decade or so had caused considerable frustration and difficulty for the CIA in providing effective cover for intelligence agents.

In addition to journalists, bans had been placed on the information planted on a foreign information planted on a foreign inews organization had mistwenty been treated as genuine by the American press.

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In some such cases, the CIA had warned principal American reports. But this would probable now, Mr Colby conceded. The warning itself would probably no banger be treated confidentially and would itself make news, be added. Regio's revelation before the Rnesser that, under his peace plan, Egyptian troops would remain west of the Gidi and Mirla passes in the Sinai, Mr Sadet said: "Mr Begin has already put his plan before us but in this plan, as I suid before, there are points of agreement."

On the Palestinian issue, President Sadat said: "This issue we differed upon. They have proposed autonomy and we have proposed self-determination." He was confident, however, that the problem would be solved.

"Prime Minister Begin has already stated everything is

already stated everything is already stated everything is negotiable, except the destruc-tion of Israel; we agree with him upon this ", he said. The problem would be dealt with by the political commit-Herr Schmidt, asked whether

Herr Schmidt, asked whether he felt Israel had given enough, said the talks in Jerus salem and Ismailia had gone beyond exchanging opening statements but it was not the end of the story. "Some further developments are necessary", he said. The method used by the two leaders to make progress, including the formation of the two committees, "carries some promise".

He could not judge when the Geneva peace conference would be reconvened but he said he believed a meeting of all the parties involved in the Middle East conflict was necessary.

Beirut: A new Arab summit of states opposed to President Sadat's peace talks with Israel;

The newspaper said that states that signed the final statement of the Tripoli summit on December 8, Syria, Libya, Algeria, South Yemen, with the Palestine Liberation Organization, would be invited to the Algiers summit. President Boumedianne would try to persuade Iraq to join this "rejection fromt".

Iraq attended the Tripoli summit but refused to sign the final statement to express its opposition to any negotiated settlement to the Arab-Israel conflict.—Reuter, UPI, Agence France-Presse.

Dessa Trevisan writes from Belgrade: President Tito and Mr Yassir Arafat, leader of the Palestine Liberation Organization, conferred on Briom island today about the Middle East situation. situation.

Mr Arafat arrived in Yugo-

Mr Arafat arrived in Yugoslavia yesterday in what is evidently an effort to secure reaffirmation of Yugoslav support
for the PLO and its inclusion
in any talks concerning a settlement in the Middle East.
Heath visit: Mr Heath, the
former Prime Minister, flew to
Cairo, where he will meet
President Sadet before flying to
Ammen for talks with King
Hussin.

Pretoria go-ahead for nuclear plant likely From Nicholas Ashford

Johanneshurg, Dec 28
South Africa is expected to

announce early in the new year a decision to go shead with the construction of a nuclear fuel. However, a final decision still has to be taken on its size.
It would be the sixth uranium

enrichment plant in the world. The others have been or are being built by Britain, the United States, the Sovier Union, the Netherlands and France. It would be constructed at Valindaba, north-west of Johannesburg, where a pilor plant is circady in operation.

The expected decision to go ahead with the project has been

influenced by official concern that sanctions against South Africa will be stepped up dur-ing the next few years. In particular, the South Africans fear that the United States may refuse to supply enriched pranium ordered for the new nuclear power station which a French consortium is building at Koeberg, near Cape Town. The Americans are already withholding supplies for South Africa's only existing reactor.

Africa's only existing reactor.

According to reports in South Africa a contract for the plant has already been awarded to a local concern called Murray and Roberts. One of the company's subsidiaries built the pilot project at Velindaba.

However, Dr. A. J. A. Roux, president of the South African Atomic Energy Board and chairman of the Uranium Enrichment Corporation, said today that it was "premature" to talk abour contracts being placed. He added that the size of the plant had not been decided and would not be finalized until next year.

stood to be considering the possible schemes, one costing about 2000m and the other

twice as much. with the construction of a The larger plant would pro-uranium eurichment plant for duce about 5,000 tons of nuclear fuel. However, a final enriched uranium a year and would take at least six years to complete. The smaller plant could be finished by 1982 or 1983. It seems likely that for reasons of speed and cost the Government will opt for the smaller project. .

The plant will use an enrichment process pioneered by the South Africans which is known as the "stationary walled centringe" system. The uranium will come from South Africa's own mines. It is the largest uranium producer in Africa and processes a quarter of the world's known reserves.

A decision to build the plant will inevitably raise fears in black Africa and elsewhere that South Africa will use it for nonpeaceful purposes. South Africa has hitherto insisted that it is developing its nuclear industry for peaceful uses only and has promised that an enrichment plant would be operated under nternational safeguards.

However, such disclaimers have not quelled foreign speculation that the country has the capacity to develop nuclear weapons, if it has not already done so. There were reports earlier this year, originating from the Soviet Union, that South Africa was about to explode a nuclear device in the Kalahari Desert. These were denied. South Africa lost its seat on

the board of the International Atomic Energy Authority last June.

South African bishops close black theological college

From Our Own Correspondent
Johannesburg, Dec 28
South Africa's only Roman
Catholic theological college for blacks has closed its doors and a dispute has broken out between militant black priests and the Church's hierarchy over the reasons for the closure.

The college is St Peter's Theological Seminary at Hammanskraal, on the edge of the northernmost fragment of Bophuthatswana, near Pretoria.

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closure decision was taken after two bishops had carried northernmost fragment of Bophuthatswana, near Pretoria. In recent years the college has developed a reputation as the cradle of the Black Consciousness movement within the Roman Catholic Church, 80 per cent of whose two million followers in South Africa are black.

According to Father Dominic Scholten, secretary-general of the Southern African Bishops' Conference of the Catholic Church, the seminary is being cited two bishops had carried out an investigation there. This was conducted after Mr Sebidi and another lecturer at the college, the Rev Buti Thagale, had appeared in court in consequence of a prutest march by priests on the Johannesburg police headquarters last October. They were protesting against the detentions and bannings of Black Consciousness leaders and organizations on October 19.

loses after

Belgrade, Dec 28.—Boris Spassky, of the Soviet Union, the former world chess cham-pion, tonight beat his self-exiled competriot. Viktor

eriled competrion Viktor korchnoi, in the thirteenth of

their 20-game series to find a challenger to Anatoly Karpov,

challenger to Anatoly Kurpov, the present champion.

Korchnoi, playing white, resigned after playing the thirty-third move, when he overlooked the loss of his queen. He still leads 71-51, but but Spassky has won the last dress armest.

three games.

Korchnoi made his blunder

in an even position. His second, the British grandwaster Raymond Keen, said: "This is incredible, Korchnoi rarely makes such mistakes. He was under no time pressure, and I dou't know what happened."

There have been reports of Korchnoi alleging that "rays" are being directed at him from the audience. His request tonight for curtains between players and spectators was refused.

The moves of the twelfth

blunder

China looks | Korchnoi

The concept of national The concept of national unity is expected to be inshrined in the National People's.
Congress to be held early in the year. Hand in hand with the idea of unity goes that of discipline which the leadership has spent the past year trying to impose on the people.

farm machinery.

China continues to explore

the possibilities of large new imports of technology, machin-ery and weapons from the capitalist countries. Commentaries in Soviet publications show rising slarm at this

strategy seems to be one of confusing both actual enemies to obtain the strongest possible bargaining position, while the internal economic build-up is

trend. Taken all in all, the Chinesa

more helpful in providing evidence. It may also serve to dence. It may also serve to dence. It may also serve to deal of the constitutional councils may also serve to deal of the constitutional councils. Official dismissed for move to stop Chile referendum Santlago, Dec 28.—The Chilean Government today dismissed Señor Hector Humeres, head of the Constitutional Council.—the highest law monitoring authority in the forbid a national referendum on human rights due to take place next Wednesday. The referendum asks Chileans if they agree with a recent United Nations motion, alleging that General Pinocher's Government would be taken as a vote of confidence in the Finocher regime. Yesterday the Government of Councils by Señor Sergio Fernandez, the Labour Ministrative council will be established. 3. The residents of Judea. Samaria and the Gaza district will elect an administrative council ad administrative council will elect an administrative council will elect a

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Galveston, Texas Dec. Galveston, Texas, Dec 28.-Rescuers dug through the rubble of a grain elevator today seeking survivors of an explosion that pulled down the structure, killing at least 12 people and injuring 23.

This was the third such disaster in under a week.
An explosion last Thursday on the cara district will be about the cara district will be about the cara district administrative autonomy.

hly turn the case over to the Justice Department for further ection. This is, however, considered unlikely. The main purpose of the accusations against Miss Robinson seems to be to put pressure on her to be more helpful in providing evidence. It may also serve to eacourage other potential witnesses on Capitol Hill to be some day killed two more.—AP, UPI.

Jerusalem, Dec 28.—The following is an official English version of the plan for the West Bank and the feuges, and the department for Gaza Strip presented by Mr Begin to the Knesset today and which, the supervision of institute according to the heading of the forces, and promulgate regulations plan, would be "instituted upon the establishment of peace".

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Chine enters 1978 with an air of confidence and energy disturbed only by the intimation of future conflicts among its leaders.

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their present wait-and-see He said he regretted that he Agence Prance-Presse.

Vietnam-Cambodia fighting reported

Teheran. Dec 28.—"The invasion of Somalia has begun".

President Barre of Somalia told a press conference here today.

The United States must "fulfil its moral responsibility".

President Barre said he had written a message to President Carter and left it with the Shah of Lam. It would be delivered crews parted out the raid.

Teheran. Dec 28.—"The invasion in the words from the West", instead of material aid, even after he expelled Soviet experts from Somalia a month ago. Soviet is moral responsibility".

Ethiopian markings. "We do not believe that", he said. He would not elaborate, however, on his him that Russian air- tries of the region, including tran"—UPL Iran ".—UPL Mogadisha, Dec 28.—Six President Earre addressed the Mogadisha, Dec 28.—Six news conference after a second Ethiopian aircraft were shot

Bangkok, Dec 28.-Cambo- fighter bombers seized in Viet- mese killeddian and Victuamese armed forces are fighting each other in the "Parrot's Beak" province of Svay Rieng, some 50 miles from Ho Chi Minh City, formarly Saigon, diplomatic sources reported today.

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The victuamese and the Sunday was in Tay Ninh district, a few the fighting only indirectly. Saigon, diplomatic formarily saigon, diplomatic formaril The sources said that the Vietnamese had brought in the crack Ninth Division, which took Saigon in 1975, supported by Soviet-made 130mm rapid-fire guns. T62 tenks and a dozen American made Sky Raider Teported at least 2,000 Vietnamese. Svay Rieng province to continue their heroic fight against the enemies forever infiltrating democratic Kampuchea and the enemies forever infiltrating democratic Kampuchea and threat ening its security. Though Cambodia has not named this enemy it is clearly guns. T62 tenks and a dozen American made Sky Raider Teported at least 2,000 Vietnam—Agence France-reported at least 2,000 Viet

gress will be in recess until world at the end of 1977, we see coollicts between peoples the past few days to the Middle in Poland, the Middle East crisis illustrates the point. India and elsewhere arguing or Did President Sadat of Egypt and Mr Begin of Israel fail to agree about the Palestinians and a comprehensive settlement in the Middle East? Yes, but maybe the United States could find a way to make them see that some progress had been made and some comprehensive settlement in the Middle East? Yes, but maybe the United States could find a way to make them see that some progress had been made and some comprehensive settlement in the Middle East? Yes, but maybe the United States could find a way to make them see that some progress had been made and some comprehensive settlement in the Middle East. In all the see coollicts between peoples who need each other: between loude East obtained in Palestan; between White and black Rhodesia and South In all the Middle East. In all the Middle East in Palestan; between white and black Rhodesia and South In all the Middle East. In all the Middle East in Palestan; between white and black Rhodesia and South In all the Middle East. In all the Middle East in Palestan; between White and black Rhodesia and South In all the Middle East. In all the Middle East in Poland, the Middle East in Poland in Palestan; between Northern and South in the Middle East in Poland in Palestan in Palestan in Poland

for the young, a time of hemory, for the young, a time of hope. For most people in the rest of the world, however, it is just another day on the calendar—a hangover from ancient struggles or last night's

But in this city, while the

conflicts between memory and hope go on, the predominant spirit here is still with the optimists, the innovators, the people who think we can do better in the coming year. You can scarcely go any-where in this crowded, distracted and pessimistic world these days without feeling the force

that some progress had been made and some compromise was still possible.

deat Carter was going to Iran on New Year's Night and would talk to the Shah of Iran and King Husain of Jordan about what could be done, and maybe they could find a way out of

Was there no way to bring the moderate Arab states to the side of Mr Sadar? Well, Presi-

the dilemmas.

Last week, Mr Carter was talking to the Japanese about adjusting their trade balance with the United States, and urging the leaders of the House ing the leaders of the House of Representatives and the

nations is doing so much as Mr Carter to avoid tribal war in Africa, trade war among the in-dustrial nations, nuclear war and an arms race among the most powerful nations, or enother war and oil embargo in

another war and oil empargo in the Middle East.

China is standing aport, trying to use Washington to balance its power and its struggles with Moscow. The Soviet Union is not being heipful in this critical moment when Israel and the Arab states might

this critical moment when Israel and the Arab states might finally resolve their ancient conflicts.

Even Europe is breaking possibilities of change and indown into nationalistic political provement in each successive do not believe in our economic Senate to compromise their down into nationalistic p and political systems, this is differences on energy, taxes and commercial conflicts, still the land of hope for people and welfare. And while Con- Wherever we look i

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Washington has intervened in

all of these struggles too much,

the least that can be said is that

it has intervened on the side of hope.
This is why, for reasons that many people do not quite under-stand, Mr Carter is going off-to Eastern Europe, the Middle East, India and elsewhere at the turn of the new year: to re-mind people, as the historian Arthur Schlesinger has put it,

provement in each successive year.—New York Times News

Johannesburg, Dec 28.—The death in police enstody on Christmas Day of a 27-year-old Indian, identified as Mr Vella Indian, identified as Mr Vella Pillay, was autounced here No reason for his detention or his death was given. Mr Pillay was a shopkeeper in Lenassa, Johannesburg's Indian township. He was married with five children.—Agence France-

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Orpheus in the Underground

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Although John Wells lifting the legend of Orpheus might seem a trille pretentious and serting it in the London Underground Circle Line with Orpheus as a street busker downright silly, there was some extremely good music by Carl Davis, with lyrics by Mr Wells, and Orpheus in the Underground was a most pleasant half hour on BBC 2 on Tuesday.

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This was billed as "a television gop opera", with Mr Wells, tongue in cheek, styling himself with nothing less than writing "the libretto". The songs, aight in all, with no falk in between, varied considerably within the limits of pop folksy ballads, love songs, a couple of duets, a bit of choral work, and a nice satiric piece, saying think of all the trees that had to be cult down to make the morning papers, think of the nudes they papers, think of the nudes they had to go through to make the

news. This was sung over pictures of grim-faced folk going down the strains of the Underground and photos of nude girls in the newspapers. Perhaps that was a mundane thought in spite of Mr Wells's genuinely witty lyrics. But there were some surprises, both musically and visually. Directed by Kenneth Corden, the chorecby Kenneth Corden, the choreo-graphy was by Gillian Gregory, who created a superb little scene when the passengers in a Tube train started dancing.
Unlike, say, the customers in a supermarket suddenly walking to the muzak in a tired comedy show, this scene did not appear.

news. This was sung

silly or sentimental. Jalian Littman was Orpheus and Joanna Carlin his Eurydice. and Joanna Carim his Eurygice.
The main burden fell upon Mr
Liuman's voice, but Miss Carlin
also sang very well. In the end.
which was a 'r ppy ending, Mr
Wells, the 's ettist, showed how
nicely a simple story can be told
in song; there was nothing pretentious or silly about the piece. It was easy-going, sometimes touching, sometimes satiric, with none of that freuzied wasted energy which so often in a desperate attempt to entertain, destroys television musicals.

Anyway, I know it is the robbers who are meant to

robbers who are meant to matter in the production, otherwise they would not be Windson Davies and Don Estelle, recruited from the television series, It Ain't Half Hot Mum, Mr Davies is easily villainous, calling on his image as a gruff sergeant major to instil enmity in the children, and Mr Estelle's diminutive stature and gentle manner make him the obvious ally.

production is devoted to their clowning, it is disappointing

Davidson as Simon.

Nottingham Forest. Their uncle, the Sheriff of Nottingham, is every bit as wicked as he needs to be, and the battle between his Babes in the Wood Wimbledon every hit as wicked as he needs to be, and the battle between his evil and the babes' innocent goodness is fought where it should be, with the babes and the hired killers who naturally relent, but Robin does very little for his reputation in Wimble-don's Babes in the Wood.

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TATENA TONNES clowning, it is disappointing that they do not make more of their limelight. Only when disguised as new pupils, disrupting the classroom of Don Smoothey's pantomime dame, and when coping with a cuttate haunted house, do they set a fast comic pace, and then they are aided by the mishaps which plague Jim "Nik Nik" Davidson as Simon.

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Mr Estelle, at least, is an able singer, and he and Mr Davies are able to offer their hitperade version of "Whispering Grass" after they have spared the babes, and each other, from grisly deaths. Mr Davidson's moments in the specifight are embellished only by jokes about Scots, the Irish, West Indians and ugly women.

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Elsewhere, Mr Smoothey's dame keeps things moving along fairly rapidly between the big production numbers which feature the Rita King Dancers and, once, the Waltring Waters. Of the two, the dancers are somewhat more graceful and personable, and the waters more colourful. It Bill Roberton did not aim so much for tou did not aim so much for spectacle; he would have a modestly pleasing pantomime, as it is he has a modest specas it is he has a modest spec-tacular which may have more fortunate performances than the one I saw when his comedians can think of jokes is fill the pauses in their patter.

The Tree That Woke Up

Upstream Theatre

Irving Wardle

The Upstream Theatre Club is an unsubsidized Christian outfit with a nicely appointed little theatre in St Andrews, Short Street, bang opposite the Young Vic, not to mention the Vic itself and the National Theatre, whose wardrobe costs on one about cash if a particular is the street. show could doubtless keep Up-stream in luxury for years. A great deal of labour and skill have gone into the transformation of what used to be a church hell; and as the Upstream Journal justly points out, the old spirit of the Vichas evaporate! from The Cut, has evaporated from The Cut, and the meths drinkers have returned. It does not go on to claim the mantle of Lilian Baylis, but that is the implicabayis, but that it the impaca-tion, at which point I feel like offering my respects to a group of friendly and dedicated people and leaving it at that. Unfortunately some comment

people and leaving it at that. Unfortunately, some comment is also required on Murray Watts's play.

I think it is an attempt to combine the Book of Genesis with the Christmas story: at all events, its centrepiece is a large hollow tree inhabited by a wanderer " called Robin, who witnesses the Annunciation, follows the Hely Couple to Bethlehem (where the same tree is growing in the manger) tree is growing in the manger) and finally delivers the Nunc Dimittis before the tree blos-soms with fairy lights.

Specialists in Christian iconography may be able to decipher Mr Watts's allegory. but I cannot understand why the tree's failure to flower should have aroused the Almighty's displeasure (we never find out f it was a flowering tree in the first place); why the Hawthorn and the Ivy should have been held to blame and demolished with a righteous thunderbolt; who Robin is, and whether or not the birth of Christ is supposed to have transported us all back to the Garden of Eden. The Christmas story itself is

quite delicately handled, with SERPENTINE GALLERY, Rensington Gas, W2 'Arts Council', THE SCULPTURES OF DE KOOMING with rolated paintings, drawings & historical paintings, drawings, touches of domestic comedy reminiscent of the miracle plays and capable melodramatic invention in the repeated returns of the villainous Mr Thorn (Matthew Francis) as the Inn Keeper and Herod. David Cook's AGIN. 1708. C-60380 35-36 dec. Inc. and 3 Jan.

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Composer of A Chorus Line

Marvin Hamlisch is the man who wrote the score for A Chorus Line. The fact that he also did the Scott Joplin arrangements for The Sting and composed original sound track themes for The Way We Were and the new Bond thriller The Spy Who Loved Me makes him just about the most successful music man in most successful music man in the business at present: three Oscars, four Grammies and a sacre in the Pulitzer Prize for Chorus Line cannot be altogether bad for a man who is not yet 34, and tomorrow the BBC gives him its seal of appendix with a televised of approval with a televised concert from the Albert Hall at which Mr Hamlisch conducts the Royal Philhar-monic in a concert of his own music. Recently he was to be found with his good friend and lyricist. Carole Bayer Seger, in a suite at the Savoy while he prepared for the concert and kept a watchful eye on the now all English Chorus Line cast at Drury Lane:

"People may be inclined to think of it as Michael Bennert's show, because any musical as revolutionary as that is bound to owe a very great deal to its director. But once then to its director. But once they start to sing on that stage it's my show—and they sing for more than half the evening."

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Hamlisch was a rehearsal planist and dance-music arranger who got lucky; his father had been in the business, playing in hotel dance-hands and later forming his own small orchestra, and Hamlisch started as a second-string arranger on shows like Funny Girl:

Girl:

"But my career really started with a cocktail party in Sam Spiegel's penthouse; I was going to music school at Queen's College and doing these Broadway jobs on the side when another rehearsal plants. when another rehearsal plants; couldn't play for some party or other so he called me and I said arrogautly that I didn't play parties, but then he said it was for Spiegel and I was round there in 10 minutes."

Spiegel liked what he beard and sent Bandisch out to the other was sent an otherwise. lywood to score an otherwise disestrous Burt Lancaster picture called The Swimmer. Thirteen films followed, of which the Bond has been the

most recent:

"The problem with a film like The Spy Who Loved Me. is that they're commissioning a is that they're commissioning a bit: can you imagine being the only Bond composer who didn't get into the charts? I agreed that we needed a sexy title (Nobody Dors It Better) but I wanted a soft-selling song which people in the production thought was too slow and too



Marvin Hamlisch

has turned down four other big movies: "I'm not exactly looking for work, and though I'm happy being a musician (though I might have been a dentist if I could stand the sight of blood) I can't bear to work on movies which I don't like the look of. Besides which, I'm not starving and I don't have a family to support, so why bother? My sister is a casting director out in California, my father died six months ago, my mother is full-time nia, my maner cied six months ego, my mother is full-time into the Jewish motherhood business, and Chorus Line has taken care of all the worries for a white.

"I've yet to make a record of my own, mainly because I'm afraid it'll have a terrible middie-of-the-road stench, and that'll annoy all the kids who still buy my work when other people perform it."

Also I like to work a lot on cast-change perfect in Chicago Sundays, which is why I live in New York. I worry a lot more about my life than I used to, but there's a limit to how much worrying a man can do.

Oscara tfor The Stine and The Street an much worrying a man can do. I mean, if every time you woke up and looked in the shaving mirror you said to yourseif "Stephen Soudheim and Andre Previn are alive today too 'you'd get straight back into bed, wouldn't you?

"But life is a lot less funny now other people worry abour me: in the old days, you had a failure, you want to Sardi's, had a Coke and forgot. Now the stakes are a lot higher and suddenly it's the Albert Hall and the lights are on and people are staring a lot too closely." After the concert Hamlisch

but I wanted a soft-selling song which people in the production thought was too slow and too cool. All the same we got to composer: "Hollywood is great composer: "Hollywood is great composer: "Hollywood is great travelled from town to town and too in the charts over here and to number three in America. That's what makes America a great country."

Since the Bood, Hamlisch to be in the world out there, that he wouldn't go down to

Hamlisch got his three Oscars (for The Sting and The Way We Were) on the same night and with a splendid lack of mock-humility: "I think". he told the audience at the beginning of his third acceptance speech, "we may now address each other as friends." ance speech, "we may now oddress each other as friends." The cheques for those scores are still happily passing through his fingers on their way to a bank he's thinking of buying, and if things get tough there are jobs still waiting for him in Vegas, where he once wrote cabaret scores for Minnelli and Joel Grey. Considering that he wrote the whole of ing that he wrote the whole of Chorus Line for a pre-first night advance of just 5900, things haven't worked out too badly. He was, however, when I left him, considering whether it would be best to return to New York shoard the Laker Skytrain. Marvin Hamlisch is a

Sheridan Morley

Five concertos for the home team

Pierre Bouler's departure from the New York Philharmonic has not meant a lessening of the orchestra's commitment to contemporary music, although the direction of that commitment has unquestionably changed. One of the board of directors of the orchestra un-

derwrote a series of five commissions with an intriguing twist. They were to be concertoe for first-desk men of the orchestra. The idea was apposite because the Philhermonic boasts some superior first-desk players (notably Stanley Drucker, the clarinerist and Thomas Stacy, the English horn player), who rarely get a chance to be spotlighted as soloists.

The commissions were given to a range of American composers, young and old, who are in the broad mainstream of contemporary music-making, rather than on its frontiers. Perhaps they were chosen to demon-strate the continuing visbility of what could be termed the nineteenth-century concept of the symphony orchestra, and of forms that have been honoured

tainly none of the four com-missions played this fall boasts the individuality that still attaches to any major work of Varese, or even the omnivorous exploration of the possibilities still inherent in the traditional performing forces of an Elliott Certer.

The slightest work was a concerto for English horn by Vincent Persichetti, a dim evocation of the kind of American nostaleja that was popular in the Thirties and Forcies. The concerto for four percussionists of Michael Colgrass made, as one can imagine, a good deal of timbral clatter, most of which was easy on the ears, but Colgrass's music-making tends toward slickness rather than substance, and the Siren temptations that lie in the vast array of "kitchen equipment" developed by today's composers only heighten the facile elements in Colgrass's work.

Andrew Imbrie's concerto for The slightest work was a con-

Andrew Imbrie's concerto for Andrew Imbrie's concerto for filtre compositions! process lay in the employment of various serial rows, which the New York Times critic continues to assure us is the way to musical boredom. The remaining commission, a concerto for oboe by Samuel Barber, will be given in the 1978-79 season. the problem of the concerto. directly, but did not succeed, as

the flute became submerged in the orchestral fabric—a quality accentiated by the soloist Julius Baker's lack of virtuoso temperament. The programme notes said that Baker was working on a flute and plane reduc-tion of the concerto, and it seemed that this might be the proper setting for the work.

The final premiere was the best : John Corigliano's concerto best: John Correlations concerto
for clarinet. Corigliano, a young
man who has already written a
large number of works, shows a
constact ficir for the dramatic
with a solid and imaginative
musical mind. The middle movement elegy, in memory of his
father, the long-time leader of
the orchestra, was noble and
emotive writing, while the final the orchestra, was noble and emotive writing, while the final movement homage to the anti-phonel Gabriell solved the prob-lems of mass and solo with eclat and verve, and was cheered by the subscription audience, who were probably unaware that part of the compositional process lay in the employment of various serial rows, which the New York Times critic continues to

Patrick J. Smith

Fugue here being more overt. There was a splendid rhythmic tautness throughout, together

with real tenderness in the

Sérieuses are extremely testing, but none of their hurdles caused Miss Sugitani a

moment's hesitation, and she also showed an acute apprecia-

tion of the argument that un-folds behind this work's con-stant changes of emphasis. Debussy's Pour le piano is the kind of music we by now expect oriental artists to excel

in, and it did in fact receive an

outstanding performance. For instance, the harmonic adven-ture of the Sarabande ras

keenly pointed despite this being an oblique piece, veiled in expression. Miss Sugitani

made the most, also, of the extreme contrast produced by

the following Toccata's furious

Variations

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Parlour Quartet

The Cordial Soirée of Christmas Treats presented on Tuesday evening at the Wigmore Hall by the Parlour Quarter was in es-sence a sequence of Victorian songs, duets, trios and piano pieces linked by witty conversation and some sparing staging.

sation and some sparing staging.
The idea is an excellent one, for a series of items of scant musical substance and of even less poetic subtlety can well be emianced by dramatic interest such as the false modesty of rival artists. The feigned horedom of the baritone, Mr Roberts. Carpenter Turner, at the extra-vagant piano variations on "Home, Sweet Home", for example, provoked from us in the audience the necessary element of indulgence.

However, the humour of the dialogue, particularly in the first part, was frequently too transparent, not to say puerile well, I suppose it is the panto season—to provide the best pos-sible framework for such an entertainment. A little tightening up and the act will be a great success.

Certainly Mr Carpenter Tur-ner has histrionic flair, which in a ballad like "Signor Macstinger" can make up for his tendency to substitute loudsoft alternations for more subtle modulations of his fine, powerful voice. The melodramatic
"The Newfoundland Dog"
might have been pitched a little
closer to self-parody with advantageous effect, though I admit this can be a hazardous course to follow.

The Parlour Quartet, which is completed by the talented Misses Sylvia Eaves and Maureen Keetch and Mr Kenneth Barclay on the pianoforte, did well to choose a programme which, if often of only mediocre unality was not at least over quality, was not at least over-laden with sentimentality. "The Children's Home" was the only piece in which that became overbearing : all too often children seem to have brought out the worst in the Victorians.

New American thriller

Ray Cooney Ltd, by arrangement with Robert S. Fishko and Stockton Briggle, will present Sian Phillips and Paul Daneman in Spine Chiller, a new play by the American writer George Baxt, which will open at the Duke of York's Theatre on January 5, with public previews from January

in it the American actor Samuel E. Wright, Liz Gebhardt and Grechen Franklin, with Gerard Hely, Christing Shaw, Michael Malnick and Harry Disson. The production will be directed by the American director, Stockton Briggle, and designed by Hugh Durrant.

Spine Chiller will also have

London debuts

as a conflagration between hands and keys, gave no idea of his real powers. He was better attuned to Chepin's Grande Polonaise Op 22, which gave rise to some exhilarating virtuoso outbursts, and to Liszt's Vallée bulent, even allowing for this strength implied in Bach's fundament. Bach Chromatic Fantasy and tage.

Bach Chromatic Fantasy and tag as a conflagration between tage. performance was masterful not tion of the music's harsh and

unrelenting message. Our ignorance of Villa-Lobos is as discreditable as our ignor-ance of Liszt, and the early Floral Suite proved, with its touches of bitonality, to be less bucolic rhan the title suggests. Its three or ef movements are, in fact, highly coloured yet never too self-consciously picturesque, and Mr Viera's was a finely idiomatic performance. In Villa-Lobos's later Rude-poema the keyboard writing is now extremely inventive, even anticipating Messiaen, and this

Good things sometimes start by Arrur Rubinstein (c/ Szyma-badly, and Amaral Viera's in-flated account of Haydn's last piano sonata, conceived purely as a configuration between

Miss Chauveau was more in sympathy with Mussorgsky's Pictures at an Exhibition and " The Old Castle ".

Adagio.

Mendelssohn's

outbursts, and to Liszr's Vallee d'Obermann, especially its more dramatic pages. Of still greater in the larger and more elaborimpact was Liszr's Scherzo and March, a major yet virtually unknown work of 1851. Mr Viera's serious consequences, and while performance was masterful not there were fleeting moments of only in its command of the real perception, the general

> her reading was aptly positive, large-boned, and made a vivid experience of "Baba-Yaga". Unfortunately, much significant detail was glossed over hurriedly, so that repeatedly good im-pressions were created only to be destroyed almost at once destroyed almost at once. And while there was plenty of activity in, say, "Limoges Mar-ker", there was no repose in

is music of pungent originality.

This, indeed, is a major piece, one of the group of twentieth-century piano classics inspired tone and resolute clarity of debut year. Japanese pianistic virtues of arabesques. Altogether this quick fingers, a highly polished made an encouraging end to the

Some of the notices on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions.

Football

Forest philosophy has some refreshingly unusual ingredients

night converted the unbelievers of the far north-east. Before 40,000 speciators, a figure twice the Gallowgate average, Brian Clough's disciples bear Newcastle United without needing to rise to the heights of brilliance shown in the hundrication of Manchester United. The top first division places are:

who have swallowed football mis-sionaries whole, and once invaded the pirch in an infamous cup the against Forest, were ultimately reduced to grows of frustrated acceptance as Forest preached the novel football philosophy that now places Mr Clough's team five points ahead of the rest of the first division.

Needham back-heading past Carrirom Robertson's cross.

At other times, Forest showed such unorthodoxy that when first a header and then a shot were strambled away from the Newcastle goal, the strackers responsible were Anderson and Barrett, the full backs.

Furthermore, and most remarkably, when the Newcastle attack, belatedly aroused, was buzzing around Shikon's goal, Forest counter-attacked with such speed that only Bowyer's loss of control

of ground closures feared

ager of Millwall, said yesterday that the closing of football grounds was not the way to deal with the problem of hooliganism. A large body of local residents are seeking legal advice to flud out if they can have football banned at Millwall following the trouble that occurred after the Boxing Day game with Touenham Hotsour.

have to close too.

"This is a problem for society in general and not for football alone. It is highlighted in soccer because it is always in the public eye. If the hoofigan minority that every club has did not cause trouble on grounds, then they would cause it somewhere clas. The snowballing effect would be dreadful.

Football results

Fourth division

ading Korris (2) Earles Scott (og)

Yachting

Newcastle 0 North Forest 2 Like missionaries on an evangelical tour, conversing province after

It is a philosophy with some refreshingly unusual ingredient in these days when enterprise and invention are held on a tight rein.

Mr Clough's adventurers did things like pushing 10 men forward for free kicks and corner that Forest scored their first goal, Needham back-heading past Carriom Robertson's cross.

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'Snowball' effect | Wimbledon draw after twice falling behind

Snowdon put Doncaster zhead.

Five minutes before half time
Lestic equalized and Wimbledon
might have gone in leading if a
Summerill shot had not been disallowed shortly afterwards.

A 53rd minute penalty by
Laidiaw gave Doncaster a 3—2
lead after Lestic had brought
down Doncaster's Hebbin but five
minutes later Parsons again put
Wimbledon level.

Summerill had against haar

Bristol City's seven director, have each loaned the club £10,000 Stephen Kaw, the charman, said:
"This is not a result of pressure
from the bank but will give our
manager, Alau Dicks, a certain
freedom to negotiate for players."
The club's overdraft is £240,000.

promising 18-year-old forward, spent Christmas with his leg in plaster and will be out of action

Penando safe again after big sea and air search

Sydney, Dec 28.—The storm-tossed survivors in the Sydney to Hobart yacht race were battling rough seas in Bass straight tonight after more than a third of the starters had been forced out of the classic by gale-force winds. Lates; reports said the wind had fallen slightly, but race officials expected more withdrawals over-night.

right.
Fifty-one yachts out of the 130 Fifty-one yachts out of the 130 which started the race two days ago were reported out of the event tonight. They were battered out by mountainous seas in the gale-whisped Tasman sea. A big sea and air search, mounted after the six-man crew of the New Zealand shoop Penaudo had radioed they were sinking, was called off when the yacht sailed safely into Ulladulla, about 120 miles south of here, eight hours after the distress call.

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The skipper, Jack Allan, explained that he had broadcast the May-day call because Penando had sprung a plank just above the keel and had inken water fast. The crew were able to make temporary repairs and get the yacht under way again, but they were unable to broadcast this information, as water had soaked the batteries which powered the radio.

Two Australian yachts—Matika, salled by Tony Pearson, and Mulloka, skippered by C. Wilkinson—

were dismasted. Another Australian entry, Willi Willi (Joe Goddard) had its steering damaged. All three are out of the race. Another withdrawal, Britain's Xaviera, arrived in Sydney with a yard-long split in its hull. The crew had to bale continuously for three hours after patching the leak with a board braced in place by tubing from a bunk, The skipper, Stephen Jones, said the damage had been caused after Naviera had been sailing for hours in winds of up to 50 knots. "We

fell into a wave trough and may-be we hit something and stove in the side", he said. Kaloa and Windward Passage, showed every sign of continuing their struggle for the lead right to the end of the 630-mile race. On positions received tonight, Klaloa was about three miles ahead of Windward Passage, skippered by Fritz Johnson of Oregon. They had about 200 miles to go to reach the finish in Hobart.

Apollo (Jack Rooklyn, New South Wales) trailed Windward Passage by 35 miles, with the big Australian ketch, Anaconda II Australian ketch, Anaconda II (Josko Grubic, South Australia), five miles further back.—Reuter.

Motor racing

Alfa Romeo may enter Formula One events

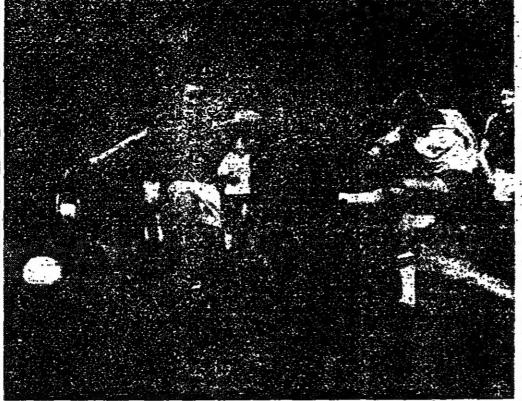
automobile company Alfa Romeo is in the advance stages of building a Formula One race car and may try it out in the final races of the 1978 season, the newspaper Gazzetta Dello Sport said. The newspaper quoted the Alfa Romeo racing manager, Carlo

Chiti, as saying the company's decision on whether to enter formula One racing directly depends on the results of its collaboration with the British Brabham firm.

Alfa Romeo has been supplying Brabham with its powerful 12braining with the powerful to-cylinder engines on a contract basis for the past two seasons and though the cars have been among the fastest they have not won any races. Brabbam has hired the

Milan, Dec 28.—The Italian reigning world champion driver, nice the advance stages of building Formula One race car and may reigning world champion driver, Niki Landa, of Austria, to help out John Watson, of Northern Ireland, for the coming season. Asked if and when Alfa Romeo Asked if and when Alfa Romeo would build and race its own Formula One cars. Mr Chird told Gazzetta Dello Sport: "It all depends on what kind of results the Brabham team gets in 1978. If Lauda and Watson get good results in the upcoming races then there is no reason why we should compete directly." And if the Brabham team does not win races, Mr Chirl said, "we can accelerate construction of our own car".

Though Alfa's contract to supply engines to Brabham runs up to December 31, 1978, Mr Chirl said this would not prevent the Italian firm from trying out its car in 1978 races.



Margerrison (right) scores Fulham's second goal.

Mullery's unhappy homecoming

Craven Cottage for the Brighton manager, Alan Mullery, as Fultheir good home run and Brighton They were unfortunate not to get at least a point last night in a

twice in the first five minutes. A the best in Peyton and Clark was only just too high from 20 yards. But it was Fulhom who scored corner to Steele's right. It was his first goal for the club.

He and his colleagues were soon busy at the other end as Brighton pressed for an equalizer. Evans cleared a Maybank effort off the line and Ward should have scored when his skill took him clear, but his shot finished in the side netting. Maybank came closest with a fine shot on the turn which Parton could only party.

Fulham doggedly withstood this pressure, looked dangerous on the break and Evanson squan-dered a good chance with a bad

But with the interval in sight, Margercison made it 2-0 following an Evans cross which was helped on its way by Mitchell. Less than two namutes later, Clark hit the crossbar from 20 yards, but Fulham took their halfime refuge in the famous cottage undoubtedly happy with the way things were going.

The second hair was only 11 minutes old when Mr Mullery brought an extra forward into his team, Mellor replacing Cattlin. But it was Maybank who reduced the deficit as he rose, well m head home Williams's cross from the left. This came only seconds after

needed a calming influence. It received a cannulg intuitine. At the certainty did not have it in Mr Daniels, who seemed unable to recognize hand hall or when to allow advantage. He also ignored some bad tackles.

Tueart opts for move to Continent

yesterday rejected the chauce of joining Manchester United—because he wants to play abroad instead. The clubs agreed terms confident view of Terry Neill, Arsenal's manager. Macdonald of around £300,000, but City's chairman Peter Swales said:

"United inquired about Tozari immediately regarded as a doubtwe informed him of the approach. But we never got round to talking terms with Dennis because he said that he preferred

Tueset could now be set to join the increasing flow of players moving abroad for higher wages and lower tex demands. He has scored regularly this season, despite the worder of a long spell on the transfer list—and this ghould make Tueset a target for

ful starter for the Everton match.

Mr Nesil said: "It was a bad,
gash indeed, but contrary to
reports, it didn't need any
stitches. Malcoim played on with
the injury. He's a big, strong
fellow, nothing will prevent him
playing at Goodison."

Mr. Nell also compessed to a

Mr Neill also confessed to a crop of other lumps and bumps—the worst belonging to the Irish international ratio of O'Leary, Brady and Neison—but they are also certain to play in an unchanged side.

things couldn't be better at the

moment."
Mr Neill expects
championship-chames strengthened considerably within the next formight. Hudson has had the plaster removed from his injured ankie, Powling is almost ready to return after a cartilage operation and Matthews should have recovered fully from a broken the which was untrained. toe which wer anstained on Christmas Eve. Powling played in the first five matches of the season and scored twice.

leaves Foley with problems

forturate to have exchanged the charge—and the inept manner this latest defeat affected b

in competition, and I expected at least some of my side to have had a go! Cardiff are a bad side too", he added, " and this game was really between two third division sides."

Jimmy Andrews, the Cardiff manager, who has been deeply in trouble himself, replied that his side had played well—even if the game had not solved his many problems. These include deep feuding in the boardroom which led to the departure of the chairman. Stefan Terleski, and a much published dispute with his present.

man. Stefan Terleski, and a much publicized dispute with his recent signing from West Ham. Keith Robson. Robson scored yesterdry and seems determined to prove that he is worthy of being taken off the transfer list.

Cardiff are one of shose hapless sides locked with Miliwall at the foot of division two. Apart from Buruley, who are struggling from disaster to disaster, two of the others, Mansfield and Bristol-Rovers, seem to be improving. Their important away draws on Mouday against Tontenham and Brighton respectively must give them heart for the New Year. The bottom placings are:

Brisley converted on the stroke of time. Millwall's acting manager is now faced with immense problems and Cardiff's supporters were left with a niggling suspicion that this famous victory may have proved nothing.

'Cardiff's Try's R. Boalegt P. Dwyse, F. Pethard. A. Campbell, F. Pooth, A. Larsoor, D. Ciles, F. Buchman, R. Robers, R. Bishop, B. Agier.

Limp display | England well in black against bankers

From John Woodcock Cricket Correspondent

In an icy blast, blowing from the north, an England eleven beat the Habib Bank here today in a of the bank, made 103 for seven.

Though currenty the holders of two of the first-class competitions played in Pakistan (the Quad-E-Azam Trophy) Habib were reinforced today by two from Pakistan International Airways, Talat Ali and Hassan Jamil, whom the national selectors were keen to see. It is from hig business and the banks that Pakistan cricket must eventually turn for the money to reward their players better than they do.

Habib (et al) bowled and fielded

their players better than they do.

Habib (et al) bowled and fielded well, but found the English bowling too accurate to be collared. Their two Test players, Talat Ali and Miandad both made nought. Of the up-and-coming ones Mansoor Akhtar and Wahid Mirza, co-helders of that world record opening partnership of 561, looked full of promise in the short time that they were on show. Akhtar before he was run out come for a third run to Lever at third man. I suppose you could say that ft is a commentary on the enality of their record that Mirza batted no higher than number eight this afternoon.

While still damp at the starthe pitch presented certain prob the pitch presented certain prob-lems. The bank's orthodox spinners turned the ball quite appreciably, their faster bowlers made the odd one behave strangely, as when Roope was caught at short midwicket off something thet "stopped". The best hit of the English indings tame from Botham, a pull for six; the shortest stay was by Edmonds, who with the overs running out was caught on the Hydershad is a grassless as expected Edmands may get a same there on the grounds that a third spin bowler might be of

King outstanding in fast West Indies victory

World XI by five wickets in a one-day World Series Cricket match at the Adelaide football Park today.

produced 59 runs before Lloyd was dismissed for 24.

King, unbesten on 62, was the outsianding player of the day. He hit with great power and his lunings included six fours, mainly drives on both sides of the wicker—and the ooly six of the match, a towering hook off John Snow.

Earlier, the World XI appeared to be in a sound position at 103 for two before they described to 184. Barry Richards was the top scorer with 39, but he still

Sarfraz rejects offer

bowler, yesterday turned down as offer from three Pakistam businessmen in London to sponsor his return to Test cricket.

Sarfazz flew to London last ended Sarfaz's financial grievente after the first Test match received one or two other offers against England completing that the Pakistan Cricket Board had broken financial agreements with him and were refusing to give him any say in selection and

from a syndicate headed by Mr
Iftikher Maroof, a supermarket
owner, who said: "We feel Sarfraz is one of the best players we
have and has been very badly
treated."

Sarfraz said : "This is a matter of principle. Their offer was very generous and I appreciate it but

as well. It's very kind but I feel the board should pay me this money. The only other alternative is that I will play as an amateur, and pay all my own expenses.

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Mr Iftikhar said that he and his friends were willing to wait to see if Sarfraz changed his mind. "Sarfraz stood by his country when other players signed for Kerry Packer. We are cricket embusiasts and we feel the board has been harsh on him. He is a good player and the team will be very week without him.", he said.

Rosewall in quarter-finals after three-hour struggle

for the Australian Open title
it reached the quarter-final
a here today. In darkening
t, Gerulaitis easily defeated
k Bobristedt, a countryman,
b, 6—4, 6—4.

Two Englishmen, John Lloyd and Robin Drysdale, are the only other overteas obstacles to the possibility of an Australian winger. The tournament, wrecked by rain, staggered through today's play under the threat of further washouts from dark clouds.

A confident Gerulaitis will meet Ray Ruffells, a left-handed Australian Davis Cup player, in a quarterinal match tomorrow. In the other matches for semi-final places Ken Rosewall will play John Alexander, John Newcombe meets John Lloyd and Grysdale clashes with Rob Glitman.

Rosewall resumed his match with Alan Stone today at two-all and deuce. The pair battled for more than three hours before the 43-year-old Rosewall won, 6—4, 4—6, 6—4, 4—6, 9—7, after surviving several andous moments in the propracted last set. protracted last set.
Rosewall clinched victory with
a service break in the sixteenth
game. ** Fortunately I made a

Melbowrne, Dec 28.—Vitas good shot at the right time ", he Gerdhaitis, the top seed, was the only remaining American contending for the Australian Open title as it reached the quarter-final Alau a little off balance." Scalon, who has a casul approach on court, made a speciacular comeback against Alexander to take the second set?—5 on the tie-break after trailing 2—5. But he then collapsed under the serve-volley game of Alexander, who described the

Bohrnstoft (US), 65, 64, 65, WDMEN'S SINGLES: Segme teamer R. Foz. (US) best T. Bestrem (US). 7-5, 6-7, 7-5; R. Cawley best C. Little. 6-0, 6-1; R. Cawley best N. Seto (Arnen', 6-1; R. Cawley best N. Seto (Arnen', 6-1; R. Cawley best C. Tohn, 1-0, 6-2; K. Reid best L. Harrison, 6-2; K. Reid best L. Harrison, 6-2; K. Reid best L. Willow, 6-2; K. Harrison best L. Villow, 6-2; K. Harrison best L. Villow, 6-3; J. Barker (CB) best N. Chesory, 7-5, 6-1, Reuter and UPL.

Athletics

spans two years Sao Paulo, Dec 28.—Athletes from 25 countries began to arrive here today for the traditional New Year's Eve round-the-houses

to the new year as possible. The favourites include Samson Kanobwa, of Kenya, the 10,000 meters world record holder.

sport for 1978 will appear in tomorrow's editions.

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A scattering of crumbs from the multitudinous feasts of one man's year Year of disappearing superstars

Dylan Thomas once gave a radio talk called The Crumbs of One Mun's Year, and he began it as follows: "Slung as though in a hammock, or a luli, between one Christmas for ever over

full, between one Christmas for ever over and a New Year nearing full of relentless surprises, waywardly and gladly I pry back at those wizening 12 months and see only a waltzing snippet of the tipsy-turvy times, flickers of vistas, flashes of queer fishes, pauches and chequers of a bard's-eye Thomas remembered the little things, the

Thomas remembered the little things, the crumbs. But in the sportsman's world, not the poet's, it is the fashion, during this season of facing both ways, to remember, or pretend to remember, only the big things. (Thomas again: "Look back, back', the big voices clarion, 'look back at the black colossal year', while the rich music fanfares and dead-marches"). We lump those big things together, label the result a review, and subside into nationwide includence in marker become particular. What do I remember about the sporting life of 1977? Well, first, there seemed to be fewer "superstars" than there were in 1976. Now I do not happen to believe in "superstars" in any department of life, least of all sport, but I know there are people who do, or at any rate talk and behave as though they do, encouraged by the headlines, and I doubt if they enjoyed a vintage year.

Just cast your mind back to 1976, the year of the big hear. Then they had James Hunr, John Curry and David Wilkie—those three above all, I should guess. They were "superstare", if you must, the talk of the town, temporary Nelsons on temporary columns. They did well—though perhaps their greatest achievement was to remain sane and human, more or less, through-out their public ordeal by hyperbole. There was nobody quite like them in 1977, because there was nobody quite so new, comparatively. There is no "super-star" like a new "superstar", who can somehow make even cliches sound fresh. Virginia Wade won Wimbledon for the first time and Bjorn Borg won it for the second. Muhammad Ali retained the world heavyweight championship. Geoffrey Boycott scored his hundredth hundred, and in a Test match, too. Tommy Docherty, repre-sented by Manchester United, won the FA Cup (but lost his job). Nicholas Faldo distinguished himself in the Ryder Cup. Red Rum won the Grand National for the

third time. But these are all, except Fuldo, house-hold names. They have been in the national consciousness a long time. Miss Wade won given up hope that she would ever do so. Borg has survived teenage idolatry to become a great player. The results of Ali's bouts are now as predictable as the sun rising in the east. Boycott had to score his hundredth hundred sooner or later. his hundredth hundred sooner or later.

Mr Docherty has only to change trains at Crewe to go straight to the top of the back pages. Faldo is best left alone until he wins a few important events, preferably including the Open: otherwise the praise heaped on him after the Ryder Cup will come to sound more like a death-knell than a paean. As for Red Rum, he is a horse and therefore a special case. and therefore a special case.

There were collective feats also. Liver-

pool won the League championship and the European Cup. Scotland qualified for the World Cup. Pre-Packer England regained the Ashes from pre-Packer Australia. France achieved the grand slam and Wales won the triple crown in rugby. But it is individuals, nor teams, that people remember longest. And if anybody complains that I have unaccountably omitted some favourite of theirs, I can only remind them that this is not an encyclopaedia. · ·

That brings me to a lucky dip of the little things, the crumbs of my year:
Wondering why commentators get so
excited when a man who is exorbitantly else actually scores one.

Listening (on the radio) to Laurie Knight scoring the All Black's winning try in the fourth international against the Lions and reflecting that five in the morning is no time for tholing such a disappointment.

Judging that there is nothing wrong with football that could not be put right by the mysterious disappearance of certain

Reading that Miss Wade spent the morning of the Wimbledon final listening to Rachmaninov's second symphony. Deciding, as somebody who dislikes crowds, that a game like hockey may be luckier than it knows for not being a spectator sport.
Watching a rugby match in the grounds

of Uday Castle, near Aberdeen, and speculating as to how many—or how few—teams have a castle for a home. Hearing about a bowls club on the south coast where the average age of the members is so high that the flag is perperually at half mast. Following, in the small print, the exploits of the Rev W. E. Gladstone on

the croquet lawn.



"It was a page turn from a very old periodical", he told his radio andience soon after the end of the second world

read, through water, the message on the rippling page. I made out, with difficulty, only one sentence in commemorated the fact that, over a bundred years ago, a man in Worcester, had, for a ber_esten, at one ditting, fifty two pounds of plums."

"That I could see. I leant over and

Gordon Allan

Thinking that Red Rum should be eemed sports personality of the year if Marathon that only for making no comment.

I myself cannot end this tale with the right irrelevance. Dylan Thomas can He remembered walking along a river bank one afternoon, seeing a pièce of paper drifting in the water, and thinking that something wonderful might be written on it—". a message from multitudinous nowhere to my solitary self." So he caught it with his stick.

The race is due to start before midnight on Saturday tright in the hope that it will end as close

Ice hockey NEW YORK: National Lague: 1
York Manders 4, Vancouver Can
2: Beston Bruins 6, Washington
Louis 5, Minneson North Stars 1,
Louis Bruss 6: Chicago Black 84
Atlanta Fissues 2, Monta 5;
Idens 5, Cleveland Barons 3; De
Red Wins 5, Colorado Bratise
Red Wins 5, Colorado Bratise

Wanganid, New Zealand, Dec 29.

by Moorcroft

David Moorcroft, of Britain, raced to an impressive victory over jos-Hermens, of the Netherlands, in a 3,000 metres event here last 24-year-old Moorcroft

Impressive win

fine display of front running to win in 8min 0.3sec, 1.2 seconds better than Hermens .- Reuter.

Calendar of sport The Times calendar of world

Why connexions have taken right decision on Border Incident

By Michael Seely.

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By disched Steely dischedular steelechaser in training, will miss file Chellenham Gold Cup: After a conference between Richard Read, the trainer; Anthony Warrender, he owner, and two veleciousy surgeons. Head said yesterday: In view of the doubt about Border Incident's leg it must be wise to rest him until nest season when I am confident that he will be a 100 per and alright.

This must be the right accision. The strain imposed on a horse's limbs in the cup and times of racing over lences, is immense. And the heaf that there was he Border Incident's leg a foringing ago was nature's waving that it was time in tall a hait. Although Border Incident's leg a foringing in was time in tall a hait. Although Border Incident's departure from this season's race all inevitably rob it of much of its glamour, the trainer is to be congatulated on his prudence.

The wheat is certainly being gated from the chaff as far as the Gold Cup is concerned. After the King George VI Steeplechase it looks as though the younger brigade are going to be the chief challengers to Fort Devon in March. Neither Brown Lad nor Royal Frolit exactly covered themselves with glory on Roxing Day. Bachekor's Hall. Midnight Court and Uncle Bing now appear to represent the main threst to Fort Devon.

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Incidentally, Fred Winter told Michael Phillips at Kennton Park on Tuesday his resease for choosing The Dealer as his representative for the Embassy Premier Steeplechase Filial at Haydock Pork at the end of January, rather than his brilliant Ascovimer, Midmight Court. The champion trainer has his sights firmly set on the Gold Cup for Mrs Olive Jackson's at year-old. And after Midmight Court's bisy actum campaign Winter would rather give the gelding an easy preliminary race before Cheltenham than than wind him up prematurely for the Haydock prize, which is

Kloss or Better initiated Rimsil's 24-1 double fighting back superbly to win the second division of the Dark Strangers Steeplechate by a shirt head in a troical Stratford grand stand finish, after Oasky had led him over the last three feeters.

fire fedices.

John Burke, who rode both the Rimell winners, bad it much easter when Lewis took the Bran Tub Handicag Hardle by a comfortable

Handican Hurdle by a comfortable three lengths from Jonio O'Neill's mount China God. Bur Rimell's Double Negative, banker of the day for many punters, let them down in the J. H. Rowe Steeplechase. He could make no impression on Border Murk, who led bluorer the last four fences and scored gamely by three kengths.

Border Mark, owned and bred by Lieutenant-Calonel John Chamberlayne, a Jockey Club member and steward at several meetings, had choice of engatements this week at Stratford, Warwick and Worcester.

Mercer recovered

Hougkong, Dec 28 .- Joe Mercer,

Hongkong, Dec 28.—Joe Mercer, the British jockey, who cracked a collar bone in a fall here last month, will be back in the seddle next Monday when racing resumes at the Happy Valley track. Mercer said today: "The collar bone has mended very well. I will be back next Monday. I have been riding work for the last week."—Reuter.

ground is soft Tamalin is still one of the best staying specifichasers in the land. This afternoon at Newcastle Alan Mencaile's 10-year-old can prove the point by defying top weight in the Northumbria. Handicap Steeplechase.

gained another gallant victory at Carlisle.

Of his obponents, More Wayward and Cardishe the object of the object for the Haydock prize, which is always such a highly competitive affair.

One of the older generation who remains in fine fettle is Gordon Richards at Tamalin. When the This is gilt-edged form as Nether-

Correct choice made for Border Mark

was sent over from Ireland by his owner-breeder. Mrs Helen Lawlor, with a view to sale, but the price goes up such time he wins. Golden

Plummer talks about

After speculation that the Levy Board are on the market for Aimree, Sir Desmond Plummer, the chairman, said yesterday: "The Levy Board are naturally

anxious to ensure the future of

the Grand National. This is part

of our racing beritage and attracts worldwide interest. We

could, however, only consider purchasing the course at a realistic figure."

Aintree speculation

ing top weight in the Northumbria.

Handicap Steepiechase.

After a lean spell last session translin has been in sparking form this autumn. After an easy victory at Carlisle in November, the geddies twice tasted defeated by The Last Light at Wetherby and then behind Bachelor's Hall in the Handessy Cognac Gold Cup.

Head the state of this modark.

At Newcastic last time out, however, it was a different story. After Brown Barmen had falled at the third fence from home when at the sum of At Newcastle last time out, however, it was a different story. After Brown Barman had fallen at the third fence from home when thirty in the lead. Tamalin raced clean away from The Last Light to troubce him by five lengths. And to endorse the value of that effort. The Last Light has subsequently gained another gallant victory at Cartisle.

Of his opponents: More Miss.

ground.

Bob Turnell could well be in the money at Warwick. Peter Grimes, who had useful form on the flat when trained by Gavin Pritchard-Gordon, turned in a promising first effort over hurdles when third to Nimrody and Ballyin Lake at Sandown Park. Jim Joel's four-year-old looks a banker bet in the first division of the Wasperton Novices Hurdle. The Wiltshire trainer can also win the

Jumping Bootlaces

Bootlaces, winner of the XYZ
Haudicap on the fiat at Newcastle
this year, makes his first hurdling
sppearance in Newbury's Challow
Hurdle on Friday. Trained on the
fint by Peter Robinson, the threeyear-old was bought for 11,000
guineas by David Barons at the
Newmarket Autumn-Sales.

Christopher Jones will be out of action for two or three weeks with a broken collar bone after a fall on Florant Fred in the West Country Handicap Steeplechase at Newton Abbot on Boxing Day.



Levaramoss behaves perfectly and thoroughly upsets Kybo

"We picked the right one." his Murry, who completed the Title trainer. Charles Vermon Miller, double with a late run in the saling of the said that all the meming race, was recained for 850 pers of Border Mark's family do not reach, their peak until eight or nine years old.

Martin Tates' Bawhogues was backed like a certainty for the first division of the Dark Strangers. Steeplechase, and trotted up by four lengths from Frederick promised my niece, Rosle Fisher, a ride in the ladies' race on Dismond Day at Ascot and this could be the one."

the starter, had been obtained.

"Gonsalves deserves a lot of credit, He was nearly lynched after Levaramoss (who had virtually refused to hart when 11-8 on) was beaten here last May. The crowd gave him a very rough time, but it was proved here that it wasn't Ansou's fault.", Tony Ingham, the trainer, said. Chance had created havoc.

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Number Engaged won the Vivian after Levaramoss (who had virtually refused to have the second first, carried out the second first, carried out the second first the course of the course of the remaining rail to reliase at the sixth, After running call to restrict this easy win, Bawhogues might turn out again at Doncaster next week, He comes from the Adrian Pratt. He was on leave some family is Mill House, and was sent over from Ireland by his owner, Captain was sent over from Ireland by his owner, the weight, so seek over from Ireland by his content to Stuart Shilston.

The 700-year-old Lanark race-course, ope of Britain's oldest, has definitely staged its last race. The directors of the course aunounced yesterday that the rengularity of the three principal officials had forced them to close down, even though they had permission from the Horserace Betting Levy Board to continue racing in the 1978 season.

They said in a statement: "It is with the utmost regree that the Board of Lanark Rocecourse Company has decided that Lanark finds it impossible to first its 1978 fixtures. This decision has been forced moon us by the resignation of our three most important officials recessory to keep the race-course functioning.

"With so little time before our first fixture on April 13, it has put us in an impossible position. Irroficially, a letter received this movining from Sk Desmond Plum-

Berring Levy Board, gives us per-mission to race in 1978, but in view of wint has now happened this is clearly impossible.19

Sandy Legat, chairman of Lanark Racecourse, said that the head groundsman bad resigned some time ago to take up a similar appointment at Ayr Racecourse. The sperstary, Miss J. L. C. Grant, and the clerk of the course, Kir Patterson, resigned at the end of last week.

racecourse was threatened with

Fontwell Park results

2.45 (12.47) FELPHAM HURDLE 12415; 2m 1f)

he could be beaten here."

In contrast, it was only close to home that Subaltern caught the favourize, Master Thief, in the Brighton Novices Handicap Hurdle. The jockey insisted on going into the second place enclosure, saying "better safe than sorry". Subaltern triumphed by a head, to the delight of Howard Williams, a Gloucester, greengrocer, who was having his first success, having paid 1,250 guineas for the five-year-old two months ago. The Cundell fortunes, which have been riding high, ran out

directors were making the fluid decision to close. Mr Legas sand that the district council, and the company would be giving up the lease to Lepark District Council, which owns the course.

Mr Patterson said in a statement: "It is true that I have sent a letter of resignation to the Lauark Racecourse chairman. It followed the events of the last mooth which resulted in varying amouncements being made about the future of the course.

"I have not been consulted or informed by the board about these decisions at any stage, and know only what I have read in the newspapers. This has placed me in a difficult and embarrassing position. However to suggest that

position. However to suggest that my resizuation, even when coupled with that of the race-course secretary, has forced the closure of the course, is clearly absurd."

TOTE: Win, £1.72; places, 43a, 72a, 22b; dual forecast, £57.07. W. Fuller-tun, at Dorchester, 11, 44, Iwers did not right

2.45 (2.47) TORTINGTON STEEPLE-CHASE (Norless: \$761: 2\m)

Berwood, b h. by Acer—Ring-craft (J. Recerson) 5-11-0 S. C. Knieht (9-1) 7 Markegepta 9. Rewoll (4-7 fact 2 hill Fig. ... 8. May (15-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 14-1 Character, 16-1 Young Master (p), 25-1 Garn War-fare (34), 6 ran.
TOTE: Win, 330: phres, 17n, 11n: deal forecasi, 17n, R., Turnell, at Marthorough, 7l, 12h.

3.15 (3.16) BRIGHTON MURDLE (Handlean: Novices: £654: 2m II) Schattern, or a by Right Boyen Jamby (R willisms: 5-10-15 Marker Thief D. Commer (15-8 fav.) 2 Somersei B. Reilly (5-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-2 Whirtizer (4th) 1, 9-1 Calmin, 12-1 Gandingay (4th) 1, 14-1 Artic Siyer, 16-1 Thornproof. Flying Straight. 9 run.

Rugby Union

Australian giants may grow into a big threat

By Peter Walker
Wales 6 Australia 25
Only the magnatimity of Tony
Melrose, the Australian Schools
five Only the magnatinity of Tory Melrose, the Australian schools' mared swiftly down the line until orighy captain, who missed five of Conser, who had jinked his way penalty attempts, three from in front of the posts on the 25-rard was brought down. In support was brought down. In support was brought down. In support was brought down. penalty attempts, three from 10 front of the posts on the 25-vard line, kept Wales remotely in touch with a game where they were lighter in everything from body weight down to basic skills. A depressing lack of commonsense by the Welsh forwards, particularly when it came to illegalts handling the ball in the rucks, tave away a needless series rucks, gave away a needless series of penalties which, but for Melrose's charity, would have cost Wales even more dearly than the Fortified by these regular escapes, Welsh spirit never flagged whereas at times an air of nesperation crept into the Australians' play as they failed to translate their overall superiority into points.

The 6ft 5Jin, 16st 10th Maswell bestrode the lineouts like Colossus, winning everything and contributing wastly to the enormous shove in the power-house of the acrum in partnership with the relabely lightweight Warwick Metrose—another 18-year-old at 6ft 4Jin, and a mere 18st 8lbf What a useful second row Australia will have when they both grow up and fill out. Thanks to Tony Metrose's inefficiency with the boot, the half time score stood at only 6—3 to Australia, and the lead was only gained with the last kick of the lialf when the captain somehow found the target for only the strong time Meter's quiride half second time. Water's outside hair Robinson, who has had first class experience with Newbridge, had kicked a 35-yard penalty in the 26th minute, only the second time Wales had crossed the halfway line. The Australian missed a line. The Australian missed a couple more from in front of the posts given for handling in a ruck and collapsing the scrum—a tactic which. Wales used extensively in an effort to neutralize the Austra

Australia 25 sure catch by Maxwell that may of Tony created the piatform: The ball one of the three Ella brothers, the centre threequarter Gary, who nived over. Nignungale, the 6ft 4 in No 8 who had taken over the kicking from the unfortunate Mel-ruse, somehow scrambled the con-version over, despite giving the impression that he had kicked it with both feet. Against the run of play.

Against the run of play, Robin-son kicked a penalty but from then on the tide ebbed ever faster towards the Welsh. First Nightingale kicked a penalty in a more orthodox fastion and as Welsh energy flagged, the other two Ella brothers also scored tries. two Ella brothers also scores they a superb handling movement involving both threequarters and forwards swept Australia flown the edge of touch from the half-way line. A swift change of direction bambouzled the home defeate and this time it was the crowd which included three Welsh senior selecture. Gareth Edwards and Barry Juhns, stood and applauded the Australian team all the way back to the halfway line. Five minutes from the end it was Mark Ella's turn when from his ourside half position, he capitalized on some deft handling and thrustful running by his back row to cross in a corner. The scoreline by no means flattered the Australians who, if the lure of their Rugby League can be partied, have in this team the makings of a senior side that in every sense could stand tall with the Test of the rugby world.

WALES: D. Thomas: C. Edwards.

Richards makes surprise reappearance for Wasps

Geoffrey Richards, a former England under-23 international full back, who emigrated to Australia earlier this year, makes a surprise reappearance in the Wasps team for their match at Nottingham on Saturday.

well with the Sydney Eastern Suburbs team and toured New Zealand with them in May, is considered a candidate for future Wallaby touring sides. He taket over from John Drake against Nottingham. Wasps make one other change to the team who beat Saracons 20—in, Rayner coming in at centre.

Curlously, Fitzgerald, an Australian full back, is out of

North Midlands can take heart from 1922 defeat

shire, who meet in the county rugby championship final at Moseley on Saturday, have met once before in the final. That was in 1922, when Gloucestershire won 19—mil at Birmingham. won 19—nil at Birmingham.

I have been delving into the past to find out about that match. It took place on Thursday, March 9, and 10,000 people watched it in fine weather. Admission prices ranged from one shilling to four shillings. Gloucestershire lunched on the train and after the match the two teams dined at the Grand hotel.

The score america an easy The score suggests an easy victory for Gloucestershire, but apparently this was not so. Listen to one contemporary summing upin a Gloucester newspaper:

They are said to have done wonderfully well "in disposing of Leicestershire, borth Warwickshire, east Midlands and Cheshire to reach the final. Gloucestershire bear Surrey 30—0 in their semificul round match and wont on to win the tide for the third year

beat Surrey 30—0 in the semifigul round match and went on to
win the title for the third year
running—a feat they repeated in
1930-31-32 and 1974-75-76.

Gloucestorshire. In the 1922
final, scored two goals, a penalty
goal and two fries. They led S—0
at half-time. The cutting I have
is patched up and incomplete but
I learnt from it that Spoors,
Ayliffe and Dix scored tries, one
of which Millington converted,
and Pickles kicked a penalty.
There was another converted tre,
but the identities of those involved
are missing.

Perfect handling between Cook.
Corbett and Spoors ended in
Spoors scoring the first try wide
out. Ayliffe scored from a scrummage near the line, and Dix dived
over "in characteristic fashion"
from a pass by Spoors. In between
times, we read of prenty passing,
gleodid dribbling, and close collaring, not to mention Scrambling
play and faulty handling. We also
read that somebody preferred to
kick and lost a good chance—
and thereby bring ourselves painfully up to date.

NORTH MIDLANDS: E. H. Edwards
(Wolverhampion): T. A. Buchler
(Another Cel. W. Blittingham), D. B.
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Barratt (Aahten OE): H. W. Hill
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P. S. Jenking, Blimingham), D. B.
Tombinson (Burton), M. E. Meriveth
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L. Coopyett Arbitol): S. Cook (Com) apparemy mis was not so, listen to one contemporary summing up.

in a Gloncester newspaper:

"Hall champions for the third year in succession! The victory however, was only gained after desperate work, and the score of 19 points to nil was rather flattering to the winners. The Midlands forwards were a keen, dashing lot, and on a wet ground would probably have proved more effective. Behind, Gloncestershire's combination was superior in all departments. The home tacking was so close and sume that movements were oftentings nipped in the bud. Millington and Dix combined well at half, and the wings were very successful. Pickles performed brilliantly at full back and was never at fault. At forward, Ayliffe, Voyce, Williams and Roderick were perhaps the most noticeable, but ail played well against a pack that displayed rare resolution and never gave up trying.

Then as now, Gloncestershire's team contained some famous men: Voyce, Tucker, Corbett, Pickles. All played for England. North Midlands were not so richly provided for, but that was hardly surprising, because their union, comprising mainly second grade

Newcastle programme

Warwick programme

5-4 Poter Grimes. 4-1 Baidur, 11-2 Reprod, 10-1 morrow, 14-1 Minibus 16-1 Sea Heatner, 20-1 others.

12.45 WASPERTON HURDLE (Div I: novices: £569: 2m)



I 10-1201 Tamella (C-D), G Richards, 10-12-7 D. Condiding 12f-act Border Brig. N. Blewis, 6-10-8 P. Marigan 9 r0-23-3 Mem Wayvard, W. Crawford, 8-10-6 C. Hawkins 11 p-0-23-3 Carrabet (C-D), W. A. Stephonson, R-10-2 G. Faulkner 11 p-0-23-3 Carrabet (C-D), W. A. Stephonson, R-10-2 G. Faulkner 11 p-0-23-3 Carrabet (C-D), W. A. Stephonson, R-10-2 G. Faulkner 11 p-0-1-3 Carrabet (C-D), W. Oliver, 6-10-0 J. O'Netil 6-1 Tamelin, 2-1 Rambling Jack, 4-1 Cantabet, 10-1 More Wayward, 16-1 Border Brig.

20 GAME BIRD STEEPLECHASE (Novices handicap: £822: By Our Racing Staff

2.30 GROUSE HURDLE (Handicap: £841: 2m 120yds) 3.0 PARTRIDGE HURDLE (Div II; Novices: £478: 2m 120yds)

Newcastle selections

2.15 WICKEN HURDLE (Handicap: £729: 2m 5f) 1 4791-00 Prince of Pierwer, N. Calleghan, 4-13-5, 13-60 Prince of Pierwer, N. Calleghan, 4-13-5, 13-60 Eafter, F. Walteyn, 6-11-36 Pierwer, 13-60 Pierwer, 2.45 MORETON MORRELL STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £642: Garter Wood, D. Odonian, 8-11-4.
Garter Wood, D. Odonian, 8-11-4.
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Ryball Grange, W. Whatton, 5-11-4.
Showshill Saller, R. Turnell, 5-11-4.
Winter Fliebt, F. Walveyn, 6-11-4.
Rol Rig (C-9), W. Stephensson, 4-11-4.
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10p. 35: The wings wing bought in for 620 guiness. Bwanes
Rhythm did not run. LIS (1.17) LITTLEHAMPTON STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: 2555; 2'an. Bieney Fars, b g. by Rol Brandy

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(48): 4-786.
TOTE: Win Ext. 4-1 2.75 - 12.16) WHITELAW STEEPLE, CHASE (Handicap: £1.236: 3.m) Alexangle, ch g, by Tangle— Alexangle, ch g, by Tangle— Alexang II Dr W. Fullerton) Stratford-on-Avon

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2.50. (2.52) DARK STRANGERS
STEEPLECHASE (Div 1 Novices:
E466: 22m)

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Frederick John ... G. Gray (14-1) 2

Frederick John ... G. Gray (14-1) 2

Frederick John ... C. Gray (14-1) 3

ALSO RAN 3-1 Lochus (c), 11-1

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65-1 Turksco, Scaling, Current Chance
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7075: Wn. 15p: places, 15p, 15p,
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Lloyd Ardan — G. Jone (8-1) 2
Filippant Heck . P. Dugghu (8-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-2 Miss Plumes (4th), 13-3 Fallon, 14-1 Loann Lad, 20-1
Park Loan, 33-1 River Tria, Tunis. 9
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D. Cartwright (5-1) 1.

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Franciscos A. Tunnell (25-1) 3
ALSO RAW: 8-2 Super Slave. 20-1

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Otherare Bay ... C. Smith (12-1) 3

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st Severn Stoke, 51, 61.
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Golden Murry, Number Engaged and
Lowis, 270,25.

Latest European snow reports

Flying Straight, 9 run.						
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2.30 (2.31) DARK STRANGERS	Militren 14 48 Powder snow on hard base, Seefeld 10 40	Good	Powder		Fine	
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51 Britimore, 7-2 Viroto Stave, 6-1 Gimil. 7-1 Venses Brake, 8-1 Colonia Led. 10-1 Indorsement, 12-1 Barmie de Lvon. 14-1 Red Brigand, 15-1 subara. 145 MOLLINGTON STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £858: 31m Warwick selections

1.15 WASPERTON HURDLE (Div II: novices: £580: 2m)

12.45 PETER GRIMES is specially recommended. 1.15 Soury Dove.
1.45 Gay Spartan. 2.15 Race Riot. 2.45 Snowthill Seilor, 3.15 Timosheuko.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent 2.15 Prince of Pleasure, 3.15 Amorous Song.

Good times are in sight while we hover at the edge of the abyss

ought to want to take away any of the pleasure from that fact. But the prospect of some improvement in our own position ought not to distract attention from the fact that the western world is now hovering perilously close to the edge of a new recession which would be not only worse than anything we saw during the two years immediately after the oil crisis of 1973, but could turn into a full-scale depression.

Not much can be done to prevent ending 1978 with higher unemployment in the western industrial nations, with more unemployment than we shall start it with. Nor can we realistically expect that the western industralialized world can get back until well into the 1980s towards the sort of employment levels we saw for the most important point to understand about the gloomy forecasts for the world economy published this week by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development is that the worst thing we could

do is to give up hope.

The chances that something will be done to start a genuine economic recovery throughout the world are not very good; but the evidence is there to suggest very forcibly that if the right actions are taken, governments can at least start to solve the problem. The policies which will be needed involve an acceptance that governments will have to run substantial deficits for some years to come, at least until the non-government sector starts to generate sufficient growth of its own so as no longer to need a stimulus.

These policies will have to be buttressed by cautious monetary and other policies to bold down inflation and ought to be supplemented by action to deal with some of the special prob-lems which have emerged in the

past few years.
The chances that this will be done are bad because the countries and the governments phose involvement is vital if this programme is to work are those countries which are least those countries which are least wilking to pursue such policies. The United States is already committed to growth, but unless West Germany and Japan alter course—and there are others such as Switzerland and The Netherlands who much to act Netherlands who ought to act as well—the rest of the world will not be able to pursue such

Britain will have a big pay-ments surplus next year, but it will be very fragile. If the rest of the world does not expand,

'For most countries, fears of inflation are no longer the real constraint on expansion?

the second half of next year if the OECD forecasts are right. This compares with a 41 per cent growth which is needed if

e consistent pattern of expan-sion which will hold unemploy-

to stop memployment rising growth has to be around 41 per

cent and it has to be even higher if the number of jobless

bad enough to stimulate gov-erament to action; but the real

was seen in the 1930s.

Why then are some govern-ments, particularly West Ger-ments, so unwilling to act. One objection which they and some outside commentators have made repeatedly is being heard much less than it used to be

much less than it used to be.
This is that OECD as an organization is guilty of "recession-mongering", which involves producing deliberately

pessimistic forecasts to provoke covernments to expand their economies more than they should. In the past three years the OECD's mistakes have been in the opposite direction; they have underestimated the reces-

have underestimated the reces-

sionary forces in the western economies. Few people now would argue against the fore-

casts of gloom with any real sense of conviction.

Yet in spike of this, most governments have been pursuing policies which had the effect of contracting economic

activity this year: there will be a slight push early in 1978

from tax cuts, but it will be on such a small scale that it will run out before the year ends. The dispute now is no longer

then a Brirish government, even with the benefits of North Sea oil, will find itself faced with more balance of payments prob-

Four solid years of recession ment steady is to be achieved.
The implications for Europe
are genuinely frightening. By
the second half of next year, have brought us to a stage where for most countries fears of domestic inflation are no growth in Europe is expected to be below 3 per cent; just expanding their economies, In-spead, they are now held back, by worries about their balance of payments. In spite of next year's surplus on the balance year's surplus on the bakance of payments, this will be true of Britain by the end of this decade if the rest of the world grows as slowly as present policies would imply. It is already true of countries such as France and the great majority of smaller countries who are actually tightening their belts at the moment. If these countries are to expand, they so fragile that a slowdown next year could easily get out of hand. Rising unemployment and slow growth would kill any hopes of new investment, which in turn would reduce output still further, leading down a vicious spiral of the sort which was seen in the 1930s. countries are to expand, they will have to have an assurance that the surplus nations will be growing fast enough not to

This is the true origin and meaning of the "locomotive theory" which ascribes a central role to the United States, Japan and West Germany in leading the world out of trouble. In its over-simplified form this theory has manifestly failed, and could never have brosed to succeed. Germany and failed and could never have hoped to succeed. Germany and Japan have grown to their present position by exporting, and the commonly held view that they could solve all the rest of the world's problems by importing more is clearly nonsense. Even if the change in attitude which this would require could be achieved, for these countries to bear all the weight of getting the world out of recession would need them to grow so fast that they would to grow so fast that they would really face problems of infla-

What needs to be done by the strong countries is not to carry the whole burden, but to ensure that by their actions they do not make it difficult for other countries to do their ment suggests they are not doing that. On present policies, the growth rate in Germany will be down to 3 per cent by can in fact work, with their opponents claiming that they

The evidence of the past few years points all the other way. In 1975 governments every-where tried to expand their economies and they duly expanded; in 1976 and 1977 they cut back on spending without equivalent tax cuts, and the mixture performed its usual role of slowing down the

This fact, that the economies of the West have moved in exactly the direction which one would expect them to move by looking at the policies they have followed ought to give pause to those who feel that totally new experience. ignored by many governments who say instead that the present difficulties are a structural problem

That structural problems, in the plural, do exist is clearly true. The western committee been much too alow m gence of newly industrialized nations in the developing world, and have thus failed to change their industrial structure fast enough.

But those who say that

we face a "structural problem are saying something different (or they ought to be; many of them are just using the phrase to say they do not know what is the matter). a structural problem at present would be to argue that a number of factors have come together to reduce the possible rate of growth. That may or may not be true; but it clearly cannot explain the present problems which the West faces. For if it were merely a problem of a slower rate of growth be-ing possible that would not affect the extent to which re-sources are employed.

Unemployment is rising in the West and factories are be-ing run at half capacity because the rare at which economies

are actually expanding is slower than the rate at which they could expand if given their head. There are many lessons which we were right to learn from the overheated boom of the early 1970s, including the sussolute need not to allow the amount of money in the economy to race shead of the sustainable level of growth. The danger of the research riverion is that we are towards a position where our economies as a whole could drift out of con-trol in the opposite direction. David Blake



These formidable fighters of Nato's front line

There are two highly formi-dable United States fighting machines at Bitburg air force West Germany. They in no particular order—the sre—in no particular order—the
F-15 Eagle fighter and Brigadier General Frederick C.
Kyler, USAF, commander of
the 36th Tactical Fighter Wing.
Both were on show to visiting
British journalists recently and
it was difficult to choose the

The F-15 is designed to achieve air superiority. That is its purpose: to shoot down its purpose: to snoot down other planes in air-to-air combat an. by all accounts there is no doubt that in battle it could do so. Eagles of the 36th have flown against a number of different types of American fighters in mock combat. "Like shooting fish in a barrel", is how General Kyler sums up the result.

The F-15 is fast, with a maximum speed of Mach 2.5 (over-two-and-a-half times the speed of sound). It is highly manoeuvrable and has a fast manoeuvrable and has a fast rate of climb. A single-seat sircusit, it is armed with short and medium-range air-to-air missiles and a 20mm cannon. It has an advanced radar and fire control system, and it is these, rogener with its manoeuvrability, that mark it out from its rivals. "The finest aircraft in the world", says the general, who is confident that the F-15 can cope with anything the Warsaw Pact can put up.

pression of being versatile, highly manocurreble and fast. There has been a steady stream of visitors to Birburg since the 79 F-15s that make up the "Fightin' 36th" arrived there fast amount The arrare! since the 79 F-15s that make up the "Fightin' 36th" arrived there last summer. The general may find himself entertaining a French general one day and an American ambassador the next. Outnumbered 12 to one by British journelists, be comes through the engagement without a hair out of place. Some of the fighters are on

Some of the fighters are on alert at all times, ready to scramble to identify unexplained air traffic. These usually turn out to be airliners that have not filed proper flight plans, private aircraft, even on occasion gliders. From the first blaving of the klaxon to the moment when the sleek fighters are climbing almost vertically away from the runway is only a matter of a few minutes. alert at all times, ready to

General Kyler laid on a scramble of the standby pilots scramble of the standby pilots while we were talking to them. Checking his watch he slid down the brass "fireman's" pole after his pilots, calling an invitation to his younger but less agile visitors to follow him. (The representative of The Times, of course, felt duty bound to follow him but I think the rest of my colleagues prudently descended from the crews' quarters by the way of the stairs.)

scrambles his standby men every day, on occasion sneak-ing down to the alert area at 5.30 am to check their reaction

for the P-15 is not confined to General Kyler but pervades the whole of the 36th. From a squadron commander to the fidence is expressed. The general, who first joined the air eral, who first joined the auforce in 1945 and is a veteran
of Korea and Vietnam, has
flown every first-rate United
States fighter in the past 25
years and says firmly that he
has never before been so
happy with a new aircraft. Certainly I could imagine him asying symething similar about ing symething similar about each of those other planes as they came into service, but that does not deny the experience on which his present

judgment is based. However, there is another factor besides equipment that constantly comes up in con-versations with the airmen at Birburg about their ability to cope with the potential enemy. They regard their training and tactics as way ahead of the opposition.

One squadrou commander said his pilots are "better trained by a factor of ten" than those of the Warsaw Pact. dent on ground radar and thus to be less versatile than the American pilots. They feel that

the Soviet force has lower with what is seen as a fighly complex Soviet logistical sys-tem could help to compensate in battle for the West's undisputed interiority in numbers.

This may be too completent is difficult to judge. The views of the pilots are based on intelligence reports, including information given by defecting Soviet airmen.

General Kyler is undoub-tedly a bawk. He may disconcert doveish visitors to his command. But there are doves and I am one, who would feel less secure to find a dove doing General Kyler's job.

One answer he gave sums this up. He was asked whether the latest West German security scandal might have compromised the battle plans of his

simply that there is no secret about their intentions if a war starts. "We're gonna load up our aircraft and shoot the hell our of the enemy as soon as he's airborne. There sure ain't any secret about that."

The pilots of the 36th believe they can do just that. Perhaps most reassuring to us

civilian doves is that they al-so hope that being able to do it will mean that they never have

Ivan Barnes

Geraldine Norman concludes her examination of the challenge faced by people in industrialized societies

How ownership involves the community in the work that keeps it alive

town of Mondragon, in the Spanish Basque country, are worker owned. The group has worker owned. The group has developed sensitively balanced structures which have not merely made worker ownership economically viable but also helped achieve a growth rate seldom achieved by industrial

In my article yesterday I suggested that these structures could be imitated elsewhere. They might provide a basis for turning the idea of worker ownership from an aggreable pipe dream into an industrially significant reality. A report entitled Worker Owners: The Mondragon Achievement was published by the Auglo-German Foundation for the Study of Industrial Society list month.
The report (to which I contributed) spells out in more detail than I can do here the interest, of the Mondragon

experiment.

The first industrial cooperative in Mondragon was founded in 1956 by five brave men, graduates of a community supported polytechnic founded 15 years before by a Spanish priest, the philosopher and inspiration of the Mondragon experiment. There are now some 170 cooperatives employapproximately £200m. The group comprises 60 odd industrial cooperatives concentrating mainly on high technology

Spain's leading manufacturer of refrigerators, cookers and washing machines—sufficiently successful to attract contracts to establish similar pleats in to establish similar plants in both Tunisia and Russia—and Spain's leading manufacturer of machine tools.

are grouped round their own

ing of euterprises has been built up over a 20-year period without one bad debt being incurred to the group bank or a single redundancy. There have been failures, but the some 170 cooperatives, employing roughly 13,000 people; the group turnover last year was approximately £200m. The group comprises 60 add industrial cooperatives concentrating All the debts incurred in such a compiler shift of manufactures.

The industrial cooperatives

cooperative savings bank. There are primary and secondary schools as well as a graduate grouped under the same umbrella; also agricultural, fishery and consumer coopera-tives, one hospital, two leisure clubs, housing cooperatives and one social security cooperative dealing with the pension, medication, industrial insurance and other social security problems of the entire group. The self-employed, which includes all the worker owners of these cooperative enterprises, are not cooperative enterprises, are not eligible for state social security under Spanish law.

Particularly notable is the fact that this associated groupa complete shift of manufac-

Many factors have contribumany ractors have contribu-ted to the success of the Mon-dragon enterprises, but one cannot escape the belief that the highly intelligent structur-ing of ownership and power is among the most fundamental. Every member of a new co-operative is required to put up between £1,000 and £2,000 to-wards the working capital of wards the working capital of the new enterprise. In total this usually represents some 20 per cent of the enterprise's capitalization; roughly another 20 per cent is contributed by the state and the remainder is financed by the Caja Laboral,

the group savings bank.

The member's capital stake in the enterprise, whether he be production line worker or managing director, cannot be withdrawn unless he leaves or retires from the firm. Every year 70 per cent of the group's net profits are divided equally net profits are divided equally between the capital accounts of all members; again these monies cannot be withdrawn unless you leave the firm. The remaining 30 per cent is divided equally between non-allocated reserves and social welfare

expenditure.
The members of the cooperative democratically elect a control board on the basis of one job one vote. This control board is roughly equivalent to a board of directors in a Brit-ish company and in its turn appoints the managers and executives of the enterprise.

Many factors have contributed to the success of the Mondragon cooperatives, but most fundamental is the intelligent power structure

It is a basic premise of the group that wage and salary levels shall not vary by more than the ratio of three to one. In other words, the managing director shall not earn more than three times as much as his lowest paid worker.

The production line workers are in general in a better financial position than their counterparts in Britain. They receive marginally better than average wages. When they reach retire-ment age they receive a pension equivalent to 100 per cent of

wage levels are set by comparison with similar manufacturing firms in the region, the level being generally set which in some cases already marginally above that of similar capitalist run farms. The executives, however, stand at a disadvantage to their counterparts in neighbouring industries.

The executives find themselves in exactly the same position as the workers and therefore, presents in neighbouring industries. The executives find themselves in exactly the same position as the workers and therefore, pretax at least, rather less well provided for than their opposite numbers in Britain.

Trades unions as we know them were illegal in Spain and it is difficult to tell what impact they will have on the system when they are legalized. The when they are legalized. The fact that the productivity of each worker-owner directly affects his own capital stake in the enterprise has presumably contributed to an enterprise system where workers actually

work.
With this little problem out of the way, the success and failure of cooperatives depends almost

entirely on management skill. year period to plan the project ment and profitability. It is in Here the democratic structure in detail, looking at alterof the cooperative gains an native production methods, agement can on occasion be added importance; the elected control board has the power to fire the management if they are not running the enterprise profitably—and in several instances they have done so.

The fact that finencial success or failure depends fundamentor failure depends fundamentally and almost exclusively on management is a basic assumption of all those within the group. At the same time the 3 to 1 ruling on earnings makes it difficult to arriver suitable management talent. This has, at present, had the interesting result that most of the management echelous are manned by highly intelligent young men. highly intelligent young men, committed to the system be-cause it is interesting. Many are in their early 30s; the average age of management is well below that of the work force as a whole.

The calibre of these young The calibre of these young managers is impressively high. But with so many separate enterprises to manage one cannot hope for all m be equally up to the job. The key to success at this level lies with the bank's management services division, roughly 90 men strong. The division plays a crucial role in the establishment of new cooperatives. Once a group of potential cooperators has approached the bank. ors has approached the bank, two or three of the potential executives join the manage-ment division, usually for a two

Britain will no longer need the

fore and after. Who is he? 36. Who, or what, is PHS?

cent campaign in this column)

of the museum's director, Captain A. J. Pack (retd).

Captain Pack says the museum intends to extend its

display in the next two years to give an account of the social

history of the Navy. "We are going to concentrate on the Vic-

Lateral and Carlotter

Naval signal

potential markets and every-thing down to the plant, financing and personnel required. In other words the project is launched with maximum forethought and the best chances

for success.

Already, established cooperatives are required to submit regular audited accounts and detailed long term plans (usually five years) to the management division. The plans are integrated into an overall group plan enabling the group to foreplan enabling the group to fore-cast skilled manpower require-ments which can be fed back to the polytechnic, require-ments for land use (the bank trought to buy in advance of group needs) and so on. Fur-thermore the bank's manage-ment division keeps a careful check on differences between plan and output for individual plan and output for individual cooperatives and aims to iden-

cooperatives and aims to identify commercial problems before they become serious.

Advice rather than instructions are fed back to the cooperative; if the managers, jealous of their independence, ignore this advice, the management division can have recourse to a crisis measure; the preto a crisis measure: the pre-sentation of their views on the management's errors to the elected control board. As long as the control board is properly bepresentative of the group of workers, its interests are wholly identified with the main-tenance of efficient manage

sacked. Much more often, however, the thing happens the other way round. The manage-ment finds itself in difficulties and turns to the bank's mon-agement division for advice-The bank's highly trained ex-perts can generally identify the best way out of the difficul-

It has been found that the optimum size of cooperative is around 400-500 members; beyoud this size communications become a severe problem and bad blood is generated. With admirable pragmatism this is not, however, enforced as a rule—the largest cooperative, Ulgor, has 3,500 members.

What has thus come into existence is a closely interrelated grouping of self-managed productive enterprises; their prosperity and success is closely interrelated with the interests of the local commu-nity, both formally through the housing, educational, and consumer cooperatives and informally through job and wealth creation for the area as a whole. It is a new economic structure built to reflect the aspirations and abilities of the community -and it works.

Worker Owners: The Mondragon Achievement, published by the Anglo-German Foundation for the Study of Industrial Society, £2.90.

THE TIMES DIARY/PHS

Who? Why? Where? That was the year, that was -and this is the moment of truth for readers

din into it instead of adopting the sensible attitude of digesting each and every word of it.

To avoid a repetition of such an humiliating experience in December, 1978, I would suggest you make it one of your New Year resolutions that, during the next 12 months, you will give your full and undivided attention to the wit and wisdom that gives this centre page its gem-encrusted trimming.

Every one of the questions that follow is based on an item that has appeared in the diary appear an Page 10, column 3. Anyone who looks them up before completing the quiz. deserves the ostracisim which will surely come his way.

If you score more than 30. you will be a prince (or princess) among men (or women). Below 30, you are not entirely beyond redemption. Below 20, you will have made a serious dinner party?
dent in your Christmas week 11. Who was the columnist who, as a student at the LSE, won a

of Power?
2. Who was hozzed over a manna-making machine? 3. Whose smile was the subject

of a photographic competition in far-away Michigan? 4. What was it that a masked and cloaked lady was belping to 5. What famous film star has

difficulty with her Rs? 6. Which earl spent a morning photographing a lovely blonde in a London hotel bedroom?

7. Emlyn Williams, having done Dickens and Dylan Tromas, tackled another literary figure. Which one?

8. Which playwright's impersonation of a tawny owl is now in the BBC's natural history 9. Who was the 16-year-old whose speech set the Tory con-ference in Blackpool alight? Was it: Thomas Venyer, William

Hague or Harold Simms? 10. Which two American writers came to blows at a Washington

Today sees the undoing of those 1. Who stirred up a hornets' seat on the students' council readers of this diary who merely nest with his book The Politics for a man who never was? 12. Who is painting his autobiography in giant murals in a studio under London's Hungerford Bridge?

13. Which feature-writer has become part-time speech writer and researcher for the Prince

14. Who was the American actor who was unable to see a London musical based on his life flop so spectacularly? 15. Who was Marie Louise Hasselgren, over whom I poured

16. Which well-known economist had his book turned into a 13-part BBC Television series?
17. Who wrote: Does Prince Philip Klss You Goodnight? Philip Kiss You Goodnight?

18. Who was "the greatest bad poet of his age" whose works have been translated into Thai?

19. What politician ousted Enoch Powell in the Madame Tussaud's popularity poll?
20. What venerable theatrical mole was honoured by the is he?
Variety Club of Great Britain? 22. Two characters, created by



mean table-tennis player? Who Variety Club of Great Britain? 22. Two characters, created by impossible to touch the exhibits.

21. He is the new head of the my predecessor Michael Leapart a Royal Academy exhibition?

Home Civil Service and is no man, went into retirement durations.

ing the year? Who were they?
23. In a competition, devised in connexion with the final Wode-house book Sunset at Blandings, where on the map did we place Marker Blandings? 24. What is the connexion between a razor blade and the Great Pyramid at Giza? 25. Why was it all "Go" Monte Carlo?

26. In which European country were the world Black Pudding championships held?
27. The Public Record Office opened a new £10m office this year. Where is it? 28. Wearing which het did Sir Douglas Black launch an attack on smoking?

staged a demonstration in London to put people off the weed?
30. Why did 200 businessment pay £60 a head to sit at the feet of Herman Kahn in Lon-31. Ray Purnell, an Australian

teacher, throws things at Lon-don dancers. What are his missiles? 32. Why was 1977 an important year for Auglo-Saxon nationalists? 33. Why was it absolutely

torian period. We believe many of the personal artefacts of this important era are still in private I pass on his plea that anyone with my relics of naval ancestors—and I take it that he does not mean bits of body—should write to him and let-

"Sod Off Day"? 35. In the family of this leading One Christmas present was in usually bad, as most reports

politician, there is a strict tradition that no one votes overwhelming demand this arise when the duck is shot and year. The Slimbridge Wildfowl its ring recovered. Tory without a stiff drink be-Trust's fund-raising adopt-a-Trust's fund-raising adopta-duck scheme, which has been a modest source of revenue for to adopt ducks, and there are 20 years, has suddenly been not enough recent ringings on duck scheme by public request. I have received a signal from HM Naval Base at Portsmouth

and am wasting no time in re-transmitting it. It comes from the Royal Naval Museum at the base, and bears the just about-legible signature (vide my rethey ring each year, at £1.50 bird's movements, but stand only a one in five chance of ever hearing of the duck again. When there is news, it is the wild at £7.50.

This year, an upprecedented

obliged to become a share-a- the Trust's books to go round. Usually, the Trust recken to asked to share, or join a wait "sell" 1,500 of the 6,000 ducks ing list.

Alternatively they can opt each. The adoptive parents for one of the Trust's more ex-are then kept informed of their pensive schemes, taking a peasive schemes, taking a barnacle goose under their wing for £4.50, or buying a personalized Bewick's swan in

From R. J. Minney, the novelist, film producer and playwright. who is now in his early 80s, I have received this memoir of Charles Chaplin, of whom Mr Minney was a life-long friend : "As a newcomer to Hollywood in the Thirties, to make my own film Clive of India, Chaplin immediately took me under his wird and made me a member of his inner circle which included Mary Pickford, Ronald Colman, C. Aubrey Smith and an endless number of other famous stars. His parties were quite exceptional. Often, after entertaining us all with his wonderful mindicry, which was even funnier than his public performances, he would : : disappear and I would find that he had some to bed wifile the party continued into the early hours of the morning "...

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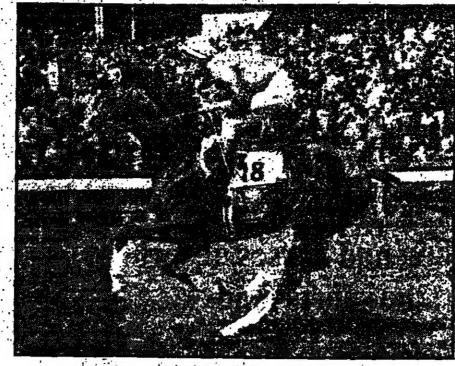
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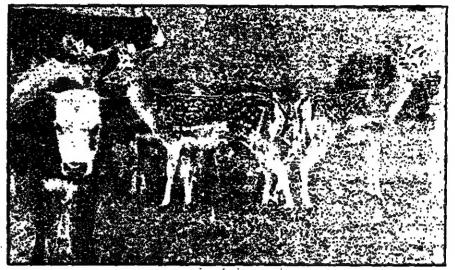
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Jockeyng for position : Lester Piggott and The Minstrel, from Tipperary, who won the 1977 Epsom Derby. Left : golf at Killarney, and joint police and army readblock after an IR A raid. Right : the Liffey and Butt Bridge, Dublin, and a pastori scene in Phoenix Park less than a mile from the city centre.

Quick change act

by Christopher Walker ship which he lost in 1973, the election also provided

/ Over the past 12 months the rish Republic has under the state. When the Dail gone a emarkable economic and political transformation which as upset the forecasts o many local com- the deputies making up the mentators but done little to majority of 20 were forced alter the country's enviably relaxed pace of life.

Ineviably there are many Irish pliticians who see a direct lok between the re-... surgenc of economic confidence and the change of in Bline government in June, but

began its new session, the full extent of Fianna Fail's victory was graphically illustrated when many of the chamber because of the Government beaches.

To add to the heady atmo- One senior civil servant sphere of political change estimated that more than 70 which marked the summer per cent of Cabinet time had. But they are outnumbered months in Dublin, Mr Liam been given over to discuss by observers who have noted Cosgrave, the former Prime ing economic matters, and the civil service talent Minister, took personal re-even pundits not normally already directed into the new sponsibility for the humilian favourable to Flenna Fail department and who are ing defeat of his national have given the party critic taware of the close relation, cosking and resigned the for faring up realistication, which have the processing the party critic to ship have the processing the party critic to ship have the party critic to ship have the party of the close relation.

gatic Dr FitzGerald, former gibue, a former economics Minister for Foreign Affairs, professor and complete new-Since taking control he has comer to parliamentary polibeen working hard to mod-tics who was the architect of ernize the party's antiquated the Gove structure and relashion its manifesto:

paign dominated by squab-bles over the validity of it is fitting that since its vic- of

liar with recent British poli-After a lackiustre cam- tital history have forecast squab- that the new department will dity of soon suffer the same fate as the now defunct Department of Economic Affairs, it is fitting that since its vic- or recomment tory, the Government has squeezed out by opposition concentrated almost exclusive from the Ministry of Finance sively on the economy.

One serior rivil servant George Colley, the deputy

Jack Lunch to the premier go to the affable and suer troi of Dr Martin O'Dono, wiressed its return to po

One of the Government's. The key to Fixnna Fail's of the less well off. In the two countries, wain tests will come with economic strategy, soon to be Dublin political circles the Commenting after its efforts to separate the spelt out in a January budget argument about the true cost meeting between the Irish rate of inflation from and an economic plan, is the of these measures still rages prime ministers—both that its Privale and line to the second control of the cont

er economics marked by a mood of econo- to about 3,800,000 by 1982). elected government with a British declaration of intent. At the same time, the complete new mic confidence undetectable. The picture is made five-year term ahead of it. to pull out from Ulster, new recent recapture of Scamus amentary poli- 18 months ago. After two gloomier by the fact that Among measures for which machinery to promote cross. Two mey, the chief of staff

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senior ministers as heading age of 25, precisely the districts, the abolition of tax on curs areas of mutual intertible. Community's recovery illusioned section of voters most private cars, the scrapest between Dublin and Lontable, with a growth in gnp known to have played an ping of ground rents and a don, and an early benefit of 7 per cent predicted for important part in the defeat substantial reduction in the could be the establishment of the coalition.

One of the Covernment's The keep to Figure Fails of the less well off in the two countries.

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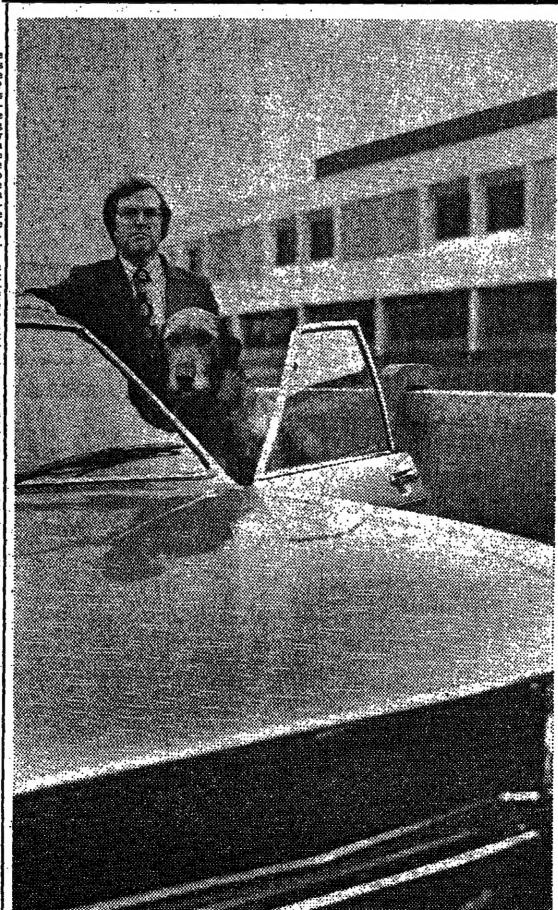
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Exporters outstrip the forecast

by William Ambrose

memorable years for the ence, the IDA is set fair to new overseas industries are two good reasons. The for the first time in three soon forget these other realirish economy it has been no record its most successful remains to be seen, but it is authority's raison d'être is to years there was a net gain sons and will simply remember. less dramatic for the less dramatic for the Industrial Development Development Authority. At the beginning ambitious to approve proprincipate for the year even the most successful remains to be seen, but it is authority's raison desired to the year authority nailed to its mast investment is back at the promoting industrialization; albeit a small one (2.8 per less two main programmes cent). In 1975 the new jobs ambitious to approve proprisingly the recovery has none to encourage the experiment of the year even the most jects during 1977 which, been led by new projects pansion of existing industry stream 14,000 were neutroptimistic forecasters set when they reached full propried to the United States, and the other to attract new railized twice over by the per cent volume growth in 23,000 jobs. optimistic forecasters set when they sights no higher than a 3.6 duction, per cent volume growth in 23,000 jobs.

sights no higher than a 3.6 duction, would provide which in recent years has been providing most of In the last two years new gross national product; and the outstanding export dards, pechaps, but it must abroad split fairly equally between achievement of 1976; when be set in perspective. The This year more than 20 the two programmes. The charactering major new American projects first problem is that.

before the volume increase from IDA headquarters sug-alumina plant near Limerick, land has a growing populating inter-union squabble which and health-care for the year is likely to be gest that the target will be and new North American tion for the first time in the company says ended prospect than 20 per cent.

Feached with something to investment is not far short more than a hundred years, duction at Limerick.

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The recession has deci. The worry from IDA's for example, a formal distribution of the boom at spare.

achievement of 1976; when he set in perspective. The sales abroad of Irish goods total Irish manufacturing major new American projects first, problem is that, grew in real terms by 18 per workforce is about 200,000; have announced plans to set alknown in Ireland. They represented the last year the IDA's achievement was 18,000 job sent a planned investment in gets, the unemployment rate in the event those predictions have proved faint investment built market of £150m. Add in Alcan from the highest in the EEC. This is partly attributable expansion of 5 to 6 per cent barely moved over the 23,000 announced that, with United to the decline in emigration and manufactured exports mark. But, as the end of States and Dutch partners, it of young people to Britain have been booming as never the year looms, rumblings will go ahead with its £280m and the United States; Ire-

The recession has decided by home and the renewed inter- just how much of that But if the IDA's mood is mated the less efficient traviewpoint is that industrial more than £250m was one of the most national investment confidence of the most national investment confidence of the memorable years for the ence, the IDA is set fair to new overseas industries. In 1976 ists in other countries will overseas industries of the ence, the IDA is set fair to new overseas industries. But one failure should not

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tributed over 200 projects, accounting for almost half the total investment; next comes Britain with 214 proenough investment to pro-duce these jobs rests squarely on the IDA's shoulders; forcomes Britain with 214 projects and investment of about £100m. Japan has recently moved into third place with £80m invested in five factories, the £60m Asahi fibre plant at Kikala accounting for most of it. Germany and The Netherlands also have considerable in the IDA's task is more damning than ever and the authomy of the plant of the plant of the plant of the IDA's task is more damning than ever and the authomy of the plant of the plant of the plant of the IDA's task is more damning than ever and the authomy of the plant of the Despite the record flow of

The contribution of these industries to the Irish economy goes far beyond the actual jobs created; they have brought new skills and badly-needed technology. They have also contributed sion by the Durch steel cord The loss of 1,400 jobs is to Ireland's export earnings; bad enough; just as bad is sales abroad of Irish-made America. Europe the effect news of Ferenka's goods jumped tenfold in departure may have on potential new investors. The reature of the loss of 1966 and 1976.

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Holland have all been showing renewed interest it

Hurling and horses absorb the sports mad

by Donal Foley

The Roman Emperor Cali-gula appointed his horse a consul. The Irish follow the same tradition, according to the cynics. The horse, they maintain, is Ireland's best

Foreign Affairs, conceivably, would doubt this assertion, but at least it serves to show that the Irish are sports mad. Indeed, mad may be regarded as the operative word when one learns, for instance, that in learns, for instance, that in the content of the state of the content of the state of the content of the content

But quite apart from local idiosyncrasies, there is no denying that every kind of denying that every and of supported by the Irish. In foreign eyes borse racing has pride of place.

A day's racing at a rural meeting in Ireland in high summer is certainly an event to remember. Farmers dress in their Sunday best and throng the beer tents; women examine all the china-

But racing, contrary to popular belief ourside fre-land, is not the great Irish popular sport, even though the gambling is a national malaise. The real Irish sports

Down Tipperary way in late summer a farmer will say to you: "If we only had the hay saved and Cork bet (beaten), it would be a great year". Cork are Tipperary's neighbours and their fiercest rivals in the great hurling battles of the year. Indeed, so intense is that rivalry that a hurling victory over Cork is regarded by Tipperary men to be as important as men to be as important as a good harvest. The feeling in Cork is no less intense.

Hurling played with sticks is nearly as fast as ice hockey. It is played with 15 a side and will arreac. 50,000 people to a Munster final, for instance, between Cork

women examine all the chins Gaelic football, which re-were clothing and kitchen sembles Australian Rules equipment in the stalls of football, is even more the travelling markets; The popular in counties such Australian Rules is even more

"trick the loop" man, the as Kerry, Armagh, Dub- Clearly, the fanciers all thimble man and all the lin, Galway, Mayo and Kil- hope that one day they will other bucksters and mounted are. Both games attract breed a greyhound like banks ready to make a quick capacity crowds to Croke Master McGrath, who won bob are an accepted part of Park Stadium, Dubbin, for the Waterloo Cup three the stene.

But racing, contrary to tember. The reigning chambound in the world to have Park Standard finals in September. The reigning chambound in the world to have pions are Cork (hurling) and a statue erected in his Dublin (football), and there benous. It is between Water is hardly a schoolchild worth ford and Clonmel. He had his sair in either area who a famous ballad written a could not throw off the about him which every names of all the players coursing addict knows. It without difficulty.

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Gaelic games are as big a "Three cheers for cult in Ireland as soccer is Ireland and Master in England. With the differ. Grath". ence that Gaelic games are strictly and genuinely ametrack racing, is a very population. Sociologists accept lar sport in rural Ireland that to study Ireland properly, a knowledge of the the Anti-Blood Sport organ Gaelic Athletic Association izations are common. Cloud

Gaelic Athletic Association izations are common. Cloumis essential. For meny, observance of its rules and coursing finals are held, is
ediens is a way of life.

Professional soccer of the local part-time variety, which is mormal in Ireland, has a porting venues of the year. People travel there from all in the same way as the merits of the various greyin the same way as the merits of the various greyhounds who have hig followings in areas in which they were bred. in the same way as the Gaelic pastines have but the return of Johnny Giles, the Irish international captain.

Irish international captain, has given that code, too. a fillip. Giles, formerly a star performer with Leeps affairs and enjoyed by every united, returned this year to Shamrock Rovers, one of the few famous soccer clubs in recent years through the success of Irishmen in international events manager, and has introduced high grade professional methods. He is running land and the game is still something of an ecademy at Miktown, the headquarters of the Rovers club.

Strangely, every Irish is still the over 50's world child knows all about British champion. His nephew soccer and Irish players in Christy Iraisa has nephew

Irish rugby, on the other hand, is a fast growing sport and is fostered in most of the boarding schools, public

Lansdowne, as well as in Cork and Limerick The fact that rugby is an All Ireland game and that Ireland takes part in inter national matches as a unite nation are potent factors in its favour. It brings Unionists and Nationalists together a Ravenhill, Belfast and Lansdowne Road, Dublin, and enables them together to cheer for their country.

Irish rugby, although no trish rugby, atthough not achieving great success in the past few seasons, can still hold its own with the best in the British Isles. The feats of Mike Gibson and Willie John McBride have made them into national heroes. The Itish bockey team has a mod international eam has a good internation: reputation, and the game like cricker, has its loca ollowing. Oddly cricket in popular in some counties such as Kilkenny, and the hot beds of Fenianism".

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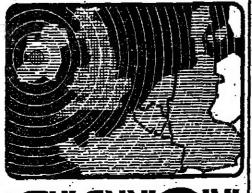
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Farming is a new status symbol

by Hugh Clayton

that has happened to Irish states, bearing the hills of Italy and the plains of France in terms of the predominance of agriculture in the economy. Almost a quarter of the Irish population works on the land compared with a Community average of less than a tenth.

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EEC farm prices into it can consolidate that gain : Dairy produce has been national currencies and those hy giving agriculture the marketed much more sucrises have been allowed to flexibility and resilience cessfully abroad, and that rise more in the republic needed to survive the fluctuality is about to embark than in Britain.

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Despite the clear benefits of the country exports more is often much lower than Irish farmland is down to pasture and the national cartie herd and sheep flock both of Irish membership of the country the human population.

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Since Ireland joined the is often much lower than its often much lower than pasture and the national pasture the human poputation. Reef and dainy protection account for account for agricultural economy, of its by value and almost two-thirds of output over the Irish Livestock and the republic. The EEC states, national pasture the human poputation account for agricultural economy, of its by value and dainost two-thirds of output over the Irish Livestock and the national pasture the human poputation. Reef and dainost two-thirds of output of output of agricultural economy, of its by value and dainost two-thirds of output of output of agricultural economy and the national pasture the national pa that is expressed in the name of one of the most important institutions of the CAP. The anew houses which the countryside. The kitty from which payments dependence on one volatile are made at the expense of the countryside. The kitty from which payments dependence on one volatile are made at the expense of the international the countryside. The whole Community is food trade. It is particularly from the light carried the European Guarantes and the price and Guidance Fund and dustry since farmers and reflects the desire in the meat unders tend to export their produce in its least protein almost twice as in Britain.

The policy is criticized

the green pound in the two markets in perishable pro- the republic's milk which is countries accounts for the ducts.

The McKinsey report about Irish farming, published in the summer, said:
"In the meat industry Ireland has not developed a strong presence overested.

mat the Irish were wase to join the REC. Their economy is of the type for which the CAP was designed. The policy will change, though, and if the Community survives to the end of the century, its agricultural policy may be much less favourable to farmers than it is now.

A glimmer of

by pop music and one's clothes slopped with Guin

ness—so the crowds flocked to the Feis Ceòleanna (Irish

music festivals) and the even

bigger, large-scale concerts

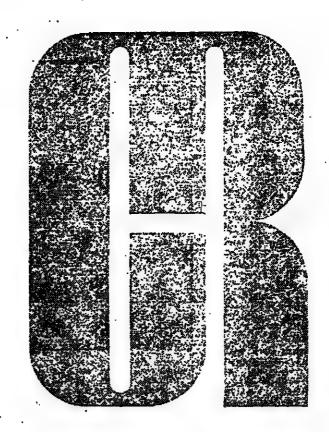
Gareth Browne, of the

done so much to encourage the arts, must claim much of the credit for the astonishing

success of The Chieftains

whom he first recorded for his Claddigh Records com-

It is unlucky for Ireland that the chance has come just as powerful lobbies are trying to turn the policy



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near-stygian gloom with the banning of Irish, the total prohibition of traditional culture. Since no mention of account in Gaelic of life on Ireland could be made the Blasket Islands, Twenty ingenious bards invented years A-Growing, rekindled because of their lack of any alternatives like Roisin Dubin (Little Black Rose) and Kathleen Mayourneen.

The result was exactly the opposite of the Draconian aims of the authorities; country were designated songs. Plays and back-

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Mr Lynch accused of complacency but popularity remains

by Robert Fisk

In private, Mr Jack Lynch in the 26 counties who have suggests that his style on the yet publicly claimed they are hurling field gives a clue to sorry they voted Fianua Fail his character He will never in the last election. his character. He will never hir out first on the field but for Jack Lynch is an astute if anyone plays dirty on him if anyone plays dirty on him man, a compromise choice as he will always be able to get Taoiseach way back in 1966 his own back when the but a man who has his friends

referee is not looking. illustration because Mr well-known economist, Lynch is not the kind of man to give much away. His only recorded remark on the real hurling field in recent Commerce and Energy, is remonths came 24 hours after putedly Mr Lynch's favourite his Fianna Fail party won for successor, an abrasive, in-last summer's general elec-tion with a majority of more than 80 same in Dall's associated with a secondary of the son Jack than 80 seats in Dail Eireann. "Don't be complacent", he told the Cork players in of a cult—Cork men have a their dressing room at the snobbish pride in their city

The parliamentary Oppo-sition, infuriated by the pub-lic's continued trust in Mr Lynch and his ministers six months after their landslide months after their languages the at the polls, now accuse the Government of complacency. The Banks of my own Watching Mr Lynch's choice Lovely Lee after his elections of the Lee flows of ministers on Irish tele-vision, plodding drearily through a series of fixed cliches as they defend their election pleasure. election pledge to reduce unemployment by 20,000 a year, it is not difficult to see why the Opposition com-

But the opinion polls show that Jack Lyuch, holder of live all-Ireland medals for

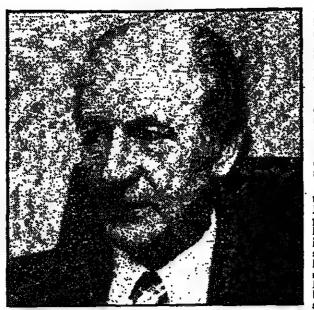
said it would be, and first house buyers are recciving their promised £1,000 reduc-There are few people

eferee is not looking. about him in government. He has brought his close friend, It is a remarkably candid Dr Martin O'Donoghue, a llustration because Mr well-known economist, into the Government as Minister for Economic Planning and Development. Mr Des O'Malley, the Minister for Industry,

Mr Lynch's Cork antecedents has become something hurling championship; and which enrages other Irish-his team went on to brounce men. He has not forgotten, like several ministers in the previous coadition government, that personal popularity matters and that a politician should keep close to his

tion victory—the Lee flows through Cork—was perfectly genuine, and only last month

five all-Ireland medals for innovator. Political correscion political analysts, said hurling (and one for Gaelic spondents on the Dublin of Mr Lynch's first administration of the papers are at a loss to recall tration: "Despite his perfect his perfect of animosity which the Meantime Jack will puffice a sholished, just as he which he has taken during Lynch appeared an inert Taoiseach has shown in on his pipe."



partitionist. Certainly Mr Lynch's ambivalence towards Northern Ireland has been matched only by his Government's lethergy towards the which the Irish constitution

still lays claim. Perhaps it is because Mr. influence events there. But his demands for an end to have genuine, and only last month steadily less strident as the he wrote a warm, if slightly years have gone by. If that predictable, account of his has appeared good news for boyhood Christmases in Cork the British (and the Protesfor a Dublin magazine.

But his personal sponit has only added to Mrtaneity is nor reflected in Lynch's reputation for ingovernment. He is no great decison. As Mr Brian Farthinker, no academic and no rell, one of Dublin's better-

detractors within Fianna instant decision was re-Fail claim that he is a secret placed by longer periods of gestation". It is true that de Valera, for whom Mr Lynch worked

as Parliamentary Secretary from 1951 to 1954, also

helieved should thrash out domestic questions at length. Mr Lynch admired "Des", Perhaps he was overawed by him. But there is little of de Valera's courage in a Lynch government. The shadows that fell across his rime of the arms trial have never really disappeared. Just how much be did know about the affair is a question often asked privately but less frequently discussed in public for the laws of libel, are as strict in Dublin as

recent years, however, was by John Young his intense dislike—one might almost say loathing—
of Mr Edward Heath. He of Mr Edward Heath.

cials to leak details of a vas introduced in Northern Ireland in which the British and mind his own business. The British are sometimes

unable to understand why was prepared for some anti-Fianna Fail is the largest British sentiment.

British sentiment.

John B. was serving behind the two Sealink services to is because they do not understand the depth of nationalist feeling and the "anti-Britishness of that feeling in Fianna Fail. It is also because they do not under-stand Corkmen. Mr Lynch, of course, can disregard such foreign contempt. His Govern-ment can take a few more months of opposition con-demnation before something really goes wrong.

For if Jack Lynch has an promise to reduce unemployment. How can be do it when 30,000 join the queue for jobs every year as the population increases and when, only last month, 1,400 jobs were lost at the Ferenka factory at Limerick? Irish umemployment stands at 10 per cent, and it will need more than a ministerial

English visitors need not feel apologetic

has not forgotten, how Mr A few years ago I drove Heath allowed British off down to the far south-west down to the far south-west and never mind the obstacle Listowel At that time the troubles in the north were might be, if an active consereffect, to stop complaining at their height and, in a Ireland conspicuously lacks and mind his own business. staunchly republican part of were set to work—may also the world like to Kerry, I be approached from the

John B. was serving behind the two Sealink services to the bar when I arrived, and I the republic (the other being the bar when I arrived, and I the republic (the other being scious of the mountains that mearest thing to hell, but he was introduced to the assembled company as "the bled company as "the journalist from London". There followed a flurry of handsbakes, a chorus of holiday resort, with a testing the hausting ballad of the cliffs of Maher. Fresh holiday resort, with a testing Kerry Dancers, surely one grilled mackerel and points of the saddest and loveliest the black stuff in a hotel in the counter to satisfy a plant the counter to satisfy a plant.

Achilles' heel, it is that acquaintances remain convinced that, the moment they set foot on Irish soil, they will be verbally humiliated. better than I know my own ern route through Youghall country; I have argued to Cork, one of the most debated, criticized and underrated crites in Europe; quarrelled, but never once and thence to Blarney (an have I been made to feel that my Englishness was something for which I should feet apologetic.

Fellow scribes, on their

ity beyond. A lovely bridge "Mister" Hitler that it was along the marrow it is too, particularly at dusk keeping a close watch on his hounts me to this day. with the steep rocks silhouer- behaviour).

ted against the western sky, of Ireland to interview the race between the oil drums low, a largely unspoils Ed as Devon and Cornwall are private discussion to the private discussion Wexford-not as fair as it man who was celebrating the inhabitants. death of a rich uncle in Cross the Shanton, either Chicago, and who recited at Limerick or by the idvilla-reams of Tennysonian ferry from Tarburt, and the

alas, become rather expen-guage.

the counter to satisfy a plation of hard-drinking backs.

I recount this incident only is north to Wicklow and Dubbecause so many of my acquaintances remain continued that the moment they let foot on Irish soil, they will be verbally humiliated, commended. The first hunfall of any hysically assaulted. The commended of the choice fair share of delights. Kill-larney's ethereal beauty has not detain you long; but miraculously survived the head west to Connections of thousands of tourists. The encounter a sconic virtuo-ity that can hardly be equalled.

Take a vista of misty mountains, descending upon an uncaring vivacity surely mountains, descending upon if not physically assaulted dred miles or so are unreason uncaring vivacity surely a lowland where stone. In the past 10 years I have markable but, once beyond unmatched anywhere else in walled cottages are almost come to know all 32 counties. Dungarvan, now happily and the British Isles; in Bally indistinguishable at a discount and south, almost you may choose the south, awaits the sliced drive off boulders. Take a shortline there is the sliced drive off boulders. Take a shortline the first tee, and understand-ing barmen serve half-pint

underrated cities in Europe; Bloody Marys to mitigate and thence to Blarney (an horrifying recollections of attendant holds your feet the previous evening.

while you less over back use harsh hard wards to kiss the stone wards to kiss the stone, and strewn corner of Europe, hard pressed to match. I am not at all sure that its accustemed to bearing the There in a sec-shell you have reported powers are exagger brunt of winter Atlantic a little bit of Connemarated) or to the enchanted storms. Yet in high summer Add a medicum of hinter he coast where the Brits, or it can be serene and tory, and the charming, the meaning of the coast where the Brits or it can be serene and tory, and the charming, way to the Wexford festival, at least the Anglo-Irish, still sublime; the memory of one exasperating nature of the their elation on crossing the barbours of Kinsule, Beltinoon on the south shore of of Ireland.

bridge over the Slaney and more and Skibbereen (whose the Shannon esmary, with seeing the lights of the fair local paper once warned horse-drawn haywains lating city beyond. A lovely bridge "Mister" Hitler that it was along the narrow lanes.

The " real " Ireland ? Corl Or you can head due west and Kerry, for all their for Killarney through Mal- beauty, are to Ireland much night of a post-honeymoon have so far failed to find a holiday. Our companions un balance between tourism til the late hours were the industry, agriculture and the landlord and a jewelry sales- needs and wishes of then

Cross the Shandon, either poetry, insisting that it was atmosphere subtly changes, Comwell may have thought All around you are con- that Connaught was the scious of the mountains that nearest thing to hell, but he

boulders. Take a shoreline where the rivers peter out amid corel lagoons provide a blue and It is a barsh, hard, rock- degrees warmer, would be

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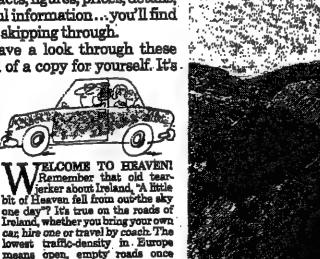
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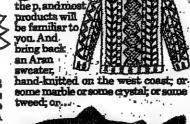
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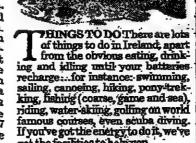
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to be a tribute to Irish cooking, but still it has had some excellent side effects. Apart from making us slightly more adventurous about eatrestaurateurs that you do no weighty silver and bone china in order to serve an interesting meal, and it has improved the home product immeasurably.
Last summer alone, I ate simple, unpretentious meals in restaurants tost were never there before. Particu-larly I remember a magnifi-

always there in the "chippers", but it has gone nomarket, and many of the nicest restaurants are those

which specialize in seafood.
I think most of Ireland's

esting problems have been ironed out. There was a time

up-to a few years ago when

restaurant in the middle price range. You could eat

splendidly at a high price

or gloomly at low prices but there was nothing in between. Now that has all

changed mainly because of young people

Youngsters go on more

foreign holidays so these days you have Italian. Greek and French restaurants in

Ireland. This may not appear

Adventurous youth now sets the menu west coast, with the Atlantic unlovingly poured pint the

by Masve Binchy

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Convenience foods made eating in Ireland as dull end insipid as enywhere else for a while, and you could drive for miles through country-side green with firm cabbages or healthy potato fields and rad with orchards, ending up in a restaurant

bages or healthy potato fields and rad with orchards, ending up in a restaurant more plush establishments tored instant mash, the vegenatibles had been brought back places which with boiling water and the apples in the frozen pastry had come from a rin. The explanation was the same—the cost of labour. It was cheaper to buy a catering pack of instant soup.

Oh, yes, much cheaper than paying somebody who would sit in a kitchen preparing vegetables and sir, ring them in a soup. Anyone the sun own, like others, the But now, like others, the Most people know qualitations and drink-livish realize have which cover potable and the sun of the sun own, like others, the Most people know qualitation which cover bear attached to an hotel or presented to an hotel or present sed, so you will not usually sed, so you will not usually set a beer with your curry or a brandy after your crèpes Suzettes.

You learn to have a port instead, because that counts as wine, and very often an Lish coffee gets by because the restaurant can legitimate the restaurant can legitimate the restaurant owners are making loud noises about it.

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paring vegerables and stirring chem in a soup. Anyone
could see that.

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nowadays, and they are considered a big draw. Fish was
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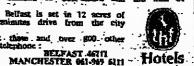
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OUT OF WORK AFTER SCHOOL

countries fear inflation, it used to be said, the British go into paraxysms of anxiety once the numbers out of work begin to mount. But the British this year have reacted in the price of the said of have reacted much as others are supposed to do. No doubt this is largely because we have had such an unpleasant taste of inflation : it may also be that even with memployment at nearly 6 per cent it touches only a small minority of the people. Yet there is one notable exception to that general rule: youth unemploy-

When the demand for labour falls in a country where there is comparatively high job security for those in work the effect is most severe on those joining the labour market. Employers run down their work forces by the process of natural wastage, which involves an unnatural stop on recruitment until the required level has been reached. The young worker is not able to compete on equal terms with those in a job: he has to wait until an opportunity occurs, either unemployed altogether or in work below what he might reasonably have expected from his qualifications. In both ways young people are bearing an exceptional share of the burden of unemployment, and these consequences, going beyond the but's statistics of the un-employed are liable to be felt unemployment in the United-by a great many families across Kingdom will level off new year, the country, not confined to any though at a rate of nearly 6.5 per

One of the lessons of 1977 has more disturbing when youth number of young people coming been that the public reaction to unemployment is seen in the on the labour market at a the highest levels of unemploy context of other factors brought time when relatively small ment since the war has been to light in Social Trends, the numbers (born around 1914-18) much milder than the conventional wisdom would have led erament Statistical Service, and when more marked women one to expect. Whereas other which devotes its main analytical are also seeking work. But a countries fear inflation it used article this year to an examina-tion of the circumstances of the age-group from fifteen to twentyfive. Alongside the narrowing of job opportunities there are other signs of restlessness. Job changes are more frequent for young people, it is pointed but, "than for the population as a whole," and "associated with the greater job mability of young people are higher levels of dissatisfaction with their jobs than older workers."

There may not seem to be any reason for surprise or anxiety in that. It is hardly associating if a number of young people do not strike lucky with their first. employer and only sensible that: employer and only sensible that they should then move about until their needs are met. But to put it like that is to suppose that their reasonable needs can be met without too much difficulty and it is possible that we are now approaching one of those critical junctures in any society when the expectations of the younger generation, especi-

the younger generation, especially the more highly educated of that generation, have to be scaled down significantly.

This trend may not be a lasting one. Unemployment may drop though for the moment that must come into the category of pious hopes rather than a calendary. pious hopes rather than a calculation based upon evidence. This cent. Social Trends points out There are the makings here that in the short term there is of one of the major social prob- an unfortunate combination of lems of the next decade, all the demographic factors: a large

are also seeking work. But a more numerous generation will be approaching retirement later and the fall in the birth rate after 1964 means that fewer young people will be looking for jobs-in the 1980s. But that will be little consola-

rion for the present generation of young people contemplating the closed doors in frontien them. It is on the whole a most highly educated generation than its predecessors. The market of students in full-times, higher education seems to have stabilized after the rapid extension of the late 1960s. So too with the proportion of school-leavers in England and Wales with A-level qualifications. But more and more of them have O-legels or their equivalent, and ingreasing numbers, are obtaining A-levels through partitime further education. tion for the present generation

These thends have all the marks of a strictly vocational purpose. Young people, are either staying on at school or taking part-time instruction afterwards to get the qualifications that they believe employers will want. They are not seeking in increasing numbers those attainments for which it is thought there is a less ready market. Social Trands refers to "the reeling that a degree is no market—Social Trends refers to
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respensive employer and feel
themselves to be condemned to work that mocks the skills they have acquired, there is a danger of a generation that will remain

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CHINA'S POLITICAL ECONOMY

a favourable forecast from the ference, the managers will no noting this deficiency was OECD China is entering 1978 longer be subject to irrelevant entitled "Arrange city markets with confidence and energy, political criticism. One of the most urgent goals happy". with confidence and energy, according to our Hongkong correspondent. The new political winds blowing during 1977 ex-plain some of this new confidence — no more campaigns against Confucius, no further risks from shifting definitions of political sin. More tangibly there has been Mr. Teng Hsiao-ping's influence in driving the economy forward with the promise of a higher standard of living. "His mind is materialistic and not idealistic"; said a Chinese worker approvingly when interviewed in Peking two weeks ago. "When he says something he does it So the Chinese people trust him."

The question is whether the new energy is being effectively harnessed in expanding Chinese industrial production. Merely to remove all the political hurdles that have got in the way of development in the past decade would do much to make 1977 figures of production much better than those of recent years. What has certainly changed are the priorities. There is probably less disagreement on these among the current leadership than on external or military matters. That means the plan-ners will be able to look ahead

Without the encouragement of, without fear of constant inter, that the People's Daily article

One of the most urgent goals to be achieved "basically" by 1980 is the mechanization of agriculture—"basically" in Ghinese usage means hope rather than promise. That date is unsatzanable but the country most cerrainly has good reason to concentrate on its agriculture, 1977 has proved a fairly had year thanks. to all the usual cau tunately there have been far more of them drought, floods, exceptional frosts, hallstorms, typhoons, pests and plant diseases added to such political disaffection as may have spread down to the communes from the agiration going on in the cities.

For the planners the failed crops of 1977 have meant importing more than ten million tons of grain for delivery in the latter part of 1977 and early 1978 and may need almost as much more, according to informed estimates, before 1978 is out. Then there are the shortages that follow improved standards. Since the October 1 wage increase pork, chickens and eggs have been short in city markets; in a country where so many live close to subsistence added purchasing power always goes on food. Still, it was a sign of changing times

out acruple among factory workers, one agitated correspondent asked. Others, sharing Mr Teng's, outlook, argue unashamedly that more pay will mean more prot ductivity.

It is probably safe to conclude. that the atmosphere within China's working life has much improved and labour discipline with it. By how much actual production has gone up remains questionable. For one thing the rudimentary statistics banished from China siter 1960 have yet to be restored. For another, it is now admitted that normal production was only restored in March of this year, that is to say five months after the political turn round following Mao's death. So 1978 will be the first chance for a year of politically unimpeded economic effort is China since 1965.

KILOMETRES ALL THE WAY

One of the most primitive pleasures of touring on the Continent is the speed with which one seems to get around. The kilometres glide by with dreamlike ease. The car seems to hum with unsuspected horsepower, and the driver discovers with pride that he can eat up a hundred kilometres in scarcely more time then it would have taken him to drive 62.1371 miles at home. Dashing around like that, no wonder foreigners appear so dynamic and prosperous. The Government is determined to bring the benefits of metrication to British road users, too, as soon as possible (which seems to be within about eight years). Unfortunately, once we have become accustomed to the kilometre we shall never again experience exactly the old lift to the morale on setting forth southwards from Calais.

Visitors to Britain, however, will be permanently freed from treacle which is created by the reluctance of each weary mile to fall behind. Indeed, there is an external impulse behind the announcement that the Minister. of Transport is to make shortly about arrangements for the change. Relinquishing the mile was one of the obligations that Britain undertook when she entered the EEC. It is not likely to be a popular move: many people become greatly attached to the units of measurement that they have dealt with all their lives, and it is tiresome being required to register, calculate. and estimate in a new measureespecially when the benefits to be expected from its operation. are hard to discern.

that sensation of driving in

Once the decision was taken to replace the pint with the litre, the yard with the metre and the ounce with the gramme, consistency pronounced doom on the mile. The great virtue of the metric system is its comprehensiveness, and there are many advantages in adopting an arrangement used by most of our international customers. The advantages directly associated with ditching the mile are slight in themselves, but the kilometre comes with the package.

Reduced inconvenience for

visitors from abroad is perhaps the greatest benefit to be expected from the change. Transitional inconvenience for the British themselves must be set against it, but in practice both are likely to be slight. The cost, on the other hand is not. Sign-posts may perhaps be left to tell us how many miles to Babylon until the ordinary time comes round for them in be repainted, but the changeover of speed-limit signs will have to be done quickly. No figure be been named, but the introduction of bilingual road signs in Males. bilingual road signs in Wales cost 12m a few years ago. If is not difficult to think of more urgent uses for public funds.

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From Mr Geoffrey Pattie, MP for Chertsey and Walton (Conservative) Sir, Although the effectiveness of our contribution to Nato has decreased and is decreasing despite Covernment denials, you were right to reply to the criticism by the Defence Correspondent of the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung. To describe Britain as "the weakest link in the Western Alliance" is going it a bit

Herr Weinstein is entitled to tatalogue our current weaknesses but when he blames Britain for nor joining in the AWACS purchase, he reveals himself in his true colours. Britain has been a pioneer devotee to the concept of sirborne early warning and has operated a home produced system for over 20 years.

Britain supported the AWACS purchase but made it clear that as development work was proceeding. on our own Nimrod project, a firm decision by Nato would have to be mede. It was the Germans who, less sold on the concept of airborne early warning, repeatedly prevari-cated at Nato ministerial meetings so that the British would be forced eventually to opt for their own system and at the same time take the opprobrium for going unilateral.

Your Defence Correspondent has very thoroughly reviewed (December 22) the state of play in the tank gun contest. In this matter, both the United States and the United Kingdom are being hustled into a decision in a time frame which is entirely to suit the convenience of the Germans, who have decided unilaterally which gun they want on

their new Leopard II tank due in service in 1979. The United States requires its new tank in service around 1983 and the United Kingdom its new tank in about 1986 or 1987, so as far as these two countries are concerned, there is time for the whole project to be thoroughly assessed in

a calmer manner than seems likely

at present.

While one can understand the German sense of urgency given-the sizable lovestment in the project by Rhein Metall, and while it does not give pleasure to appear to be carping at an ally, if people like Herr Weinstein point to the moresthey cannot complain if someone in turn draws attention to the beams. Yours sincerely, GEOFFREY PATTIE, House of Commons. December 22.

on builders From Mr Ian Deslandes

Sir, All those who have had cause, sar, All those was nave had cause, either in the course of their business of providing houses, factories and effices or who have corned out extensions to their own houses, will have noted with regret the announcement by the Government that they have decided to withdraw their provided to with the provided to withdraw their provided to with the provided to withdraw their provided to with their provided to withdraw their provided to withdraw their prov recent proposels to amend the General Development Order (The Times, December 15).

General Development Order (The Trites, December 15).

That the planning system is the cause of extensive and expensive delays and that one of the factors countibuting to these delays is the excessive number of minor and insignificant applications was clearly established by the recent all-party report of the House of Commons environment sub-committee on planning procedures. That sub-committee, having examined in great detail an enormous volume of evidence from all interested parties, endorsed the Government's proposals to widen the scope of development permitted under the GDO, and the Government's themselves spent more than a year themselves spent more than a year to consultation on their amendapenta before laying the Order before the

House,

It is to be hoped that this withdrawed does not now indicate that
the Government intends to how
before the storm of misleading and
inaccurate criticism of the proposals
that has been orchestrated by members of the planning profession who
no doubt resent the possibility that
their opportunity to control development down to the smallest details
would be signify diminished by this
proposal.

Socaking in the House of Lords

Speaking in the House of Lords on behalf of the Government, Lady Birk gave the lie m the more hysterical crinics of the Order who hysterical critics of the Order who have given the impression that control over extensions and conversion of houses in conservation areas will be lost. She explained that listed building consent will still be required where any alteration is proposed that would affect the character of a listed building; and she made it clear that conservation areas made it clear that conserva will not suffer, because of the ability of pleuning authorities to exclude the operation of the GDO widning any part of their area, subject to the consent of the Secretary of

State.
Yet the greatest loss receiving from the permanent withdrawal of this proposal will be suffered by the community as a whole, which now incurs real and often leading demage following delays to the planning system, sometimes leading to significant industrial or housing developments being delayed or aboundanced. The Government estimated The October wags rise was so far overdue as to arouse no criticism. But over productivity bonuses there have been objections from young office being the productivity and productivity bonuses there have been objections from young affects. Would be taken out of the signeth by full proposed. This would undoubtedly a new bourgeoist not spring out in the centre plantage system; and that it is considered to his ability, to each according to his work " were applied with a present.

take he courage in its hands and reintroduce this Order as soon as consisted delaying only long enough the explain clearly and inequivocally, by all interested parties, both the proposals.

Mours sincerely. VIAN DESLANDES. Director, The House-Builders Enderation, 82 New Cavendish Street, W1. December 16.

Developing industries Prom. Mr W. N. S. Calvert

Sir William Rees Mogg has very clearly set out the issues raised by industrialization of developing countries and the threat that this poses to the developed countries (article, December 12). Recently some of these issues

Recently some of these issues, were well aired at a conference on the future of the world leather and leather based industries organized by UNIDO. In essence the spokesman for the developing countries pointed to the very real potential for building up these industries in their countries; and they were uning the developed countries both to provide the capital and the knowhow to help them do this, and also to to help them do this, and also to keep their markets open to develop-ing countries imports. In reply the ing countries' imports. In reply the developed countries pointed to the extent to which their markets had already been taken over by low cost imports; and they asked how they could be expected to provide help to developing countries if the result was to be the destruction of their own industries. With unemployment to high levels and likely to remain see high levels and likely to remain so, they argued that labour inten-sive industries could no longer be sacrificed to accommodate imports from the third world. One point in debates of this kind

is so obvious that it tends to be overlooked. This is that it is not the developed countries who need the low cost manufactures of the develow tost maintractures of the developing countries—it is the people of the developing countries themselves. There is no justice in a system for example that requires workers in the third world to make shoes for the saturated markets in developed countries when their own families remain barefoot. What is needed is a plan by which the rich countries can transfer the skills and capital available to poorer countries erithout jeopardizing their own in-dustries in doing so. The essence of such a plan could be that if developing countries were to recognize the right of developed coun-tries to protect their own industries against imports at prices they cannot hope to match, the developed countries in return could be more generous and willing than hitherto to offer them the necessary skills, which at home are often underntilized at present, and insolar as it is available the capital also. Yours faithfully,

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December 16.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From Lord Longford

Sic, The practical issue of Myra Hindley and parole has two espects—one general, one particular. The first question is whether any crimifirst question is whether any criminal, whenever they have done, should be denied access to the parole procedure. The second question is whether a particular prisoner; in this case Myra Hindley, should be granted parole, (a) in the near future, (b) or any time. I ingo, with any strength I possess, that the first question should be decided on principles applicable to all prisoners; the second on the merits of the prisoner as best they can be ascertained. In neither case can be ascertained in neither case should public outry, real or manufactured, and in the case of Myra Hiddley we have seen plenty of the latter, be allowed to determine the

Atter, he silowed to determine the opticome.

Note long ago, a high person in the Parole Board wrote to a friend of mine: "To be frank, I cannot see Myra Hudley being released until the day arrives that the Home Secretary can be reasonably confident that her return to the community will not be greeted at once with howis of protest. It may be hard on her, but public opinion could only be set aside at the risk of total damage to the whole parole system." I hope and believe that the above expression of opinion is unfair to the present Home Secretary, or any possible successor. Your older readers will remember that during the war there were "howls of protest" when Home Secretary, Mr Herbert Morvison released Sir Oswald Mosley from detention.

A debase in the House of Commons followed but Mr Morvison rode the storm. It did him no harm whatever and no one now supposes that he was wrong. It seems to me unnecessary to attribute more

whatever and no one now supposes that he was wrong. It seems to me unnecessary to attribute more cowardice to present Home Secretaries than Herbert Morrison showed at that time.

When I talk of ascertaining the merits of the prisoner, I naturally have in mind our present parole procedure with all its admitted imperfections. There is first the review by a local tribunal mainly independent of the official authorities, though a governor sits on it. Then comes the parole board. There is finally the Home Secretary who may consult one or more judges. is finally the Home Secretary who may consult one or more judges.

I have little doubt myself that it and when Myra Hindley goes before a local review board she will be recommended for parole sooner rather than later. No one who knows her seniously supposes that she would be a public menace if she were released. Her state of

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remorse is such that she will be baunted by it all her life. Some people will consider that right and proper, others will view it more

onately. Too long a punishment, to adapt the words of W. B. Years, can make a stone of the heart. She has been 12 years in prison. No one who knows anything about prison life supposes that a few more years of interceration would be expected to make here a better woman. make her a better woman.

Last summer, a deputation consisting of an ex Lord Chancellor, and ex Home Secretary, an ex Chairman of the Parole Board and myself, weiged on the Home Secretary to urge that life prisoners who have served 10 years should be at least served 10 years should be at least allowed access to the first stages of the perole process. There were then about half-a-dozen such prisoners of out of more than a hundred serving life who had not been granted access. I repeat with strong conviction the case we stated then. It applies, of course, to Ian Brady (and others) as well as Myra Hindley though in fact Ian Brady does not expect release.

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not expect release.

There is no magic in the 10-year period. It is a way of saying that at a certain point some little ray of hope ought to be extended to every prisoner, is respective of his or her past. To refuse this minimum gesture of natural justice would seem to be a deplorable repudiation of Christian or any other reputable ethics.

I am asked so often why I am

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I am esked so often why I am not more interested in victims that I cannot refrain from mentioning that during the last few months I have been working with others including victims or their relatives to give a new lead in that direction. I cannot help recalling the end of a book written many years ago. A young man has gone to prison and his sister rejects him. This dialogue then follows between the sister and the mother: Mother: Have you no forgiveness for him? Sister: None for him, Mother: Have you no sina to be forgiven? Sister: None like his.

his.

The sister, if I remember correctly, was an adolescent girl who came to Christianity later. I cannot believe that her point of view is thet of a country which still claims to be Christian with at least some justification. Yours sincerely, FRANK LONGFORD.

Sidgwick and Jackson Ltd, 1 Tavistock Chambers, Bloomsbury Way, WC1. 'December 28.

Unification Church

From the Reverend Bric Inglesby Sir, It may well be true that Diana Perr's articles included some errors, as Mr Dennis Orme esserts (letter December 22). This is an occupational lessed in journalism. But Mir Moon's theology is riddled with assertions which are "untrue, misleading or "discorted", especially in respect of God's word in Scripture. How right, therefore, that Dennis should mention "temporation"; how wrong that he should so completely mishoderscand its meaning in the country of Christ's life. Jesus rejected the earthly king-dom concept. So must we. His

dom concept. So must we. His was and is a kingdom "not of this world." (Jn 18:36). We do well to think that communism is largely of think that communium is largely of the devil, but so are many other "isms", perhaps even capitalism, and it is just as fatal now to oppose political communium by Christianity as it was to oppose Roman militarism of old. This was the very temptation Christ overcame.

And so to the greatest distortion of all Three years are to provide the

And so to the greatest distortion of all. Three years ago, in reply to an antious hishob, I said: "At the heart of the thing, as I understand it, there is a Korean called Moon, a rabid and communist who had some sort of vision and regards himself as another Messiah. Apparently he teaches that the trucifixion was all rether a mistake. What's wanted it for all genuinely religious folk to get together for the good of the world and mankind. The general idea is that all good people have something of the Holy Spirit, therefore this; unification

thing must be the work of the Holy Spirit, QED. Obviously this is a trevesty, and no genuine Christian can see say ablding unity except in and through the Cross."

This is the crux of the matter. For the Christian Jesus is God, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity. The "Moonies", like other non-Christians, regard him merely as a good and godly man, a messiah but an unsuccessful one. This discorted theology is a menuce. Sun Myung. theology is a menace. Sum Myung. Moon is just another false Christ (Mt 24: 24). The Unification Church is causing more and more damage, not only to family life, but also to faith in Christ, and him crucified (1 Cor 2:2). Either we are indeed saved by the blood of Christ or we are not. Was the crucifixion, really a "mistale"? That is the Question. We cannot dodge the scanded of the Cross. Yours faithfully, ERIC INGLESEY. is causing more and more demage ERIC ENGLESBY, Spring Comage. West End Gardens, Fairford, Gloucestershire.

From the Rev Canon P. B. Binchliff Sir, Is Mr Manley-Sale (December 23) intending to imply that those who write letters to The Times about the Unification Church usually have their facts wrong? Paul was surely a tent-maker not a Yours faithfully, PETER HINCHLIFF,

Balliol College, Öxford.

The Chogyal of Sikkim From Major General Sir Alec

Bishop

Sir, May I support the plea made
by Mr Brian Crozier (December 19)
for the abandonment of any
harassment which may be imposed
on the Chogyal of Sikkim and his
family. No one who has visited
Sikkim can fail to be impressed by
the manner in which the ruling
family devote themselves to the
wellbeing of the people, and seek
to cooperate as closely as possible
with their powerful neighbour in
the south. It is bard to understand
why this attitude should not receive due recognition from a government with the reputation, and the with the reputation, and the prestige of the Government of India. Yours faithfully,

ALEC BISHOP, Combe Lodge Beckley,

The Star of Bethlehem From Dr David Hawkes

Sir, If the star, believed by some to have been a nova, which the chapter on Astronomy in the Chien Han Shu records as having appeared for seventy days in the Cowherd constellation (Aquila B, a, y) in the second year of the Emperor Ai of the Party Hand Constellation (Aquila B, a, y) in the second year of the Emperor Ai of the Former Han dynasty (ie, 5 BC, which was the penultimate year of the reign of Herod the Great, king of Judaea) was indeed the Star of Bethlehem, it cannot be said that the Wise Men "followed" it in the literal sense favoured by medieval illuminators and modern Christmas card illustrators.

It seems probable that Chaldean astrologers, like their Chinese counterparts, would have associated particular constellations of groups of constellations with particular areas of the terrestrial world, so that a star suddenly appearing in Aquila would suggest some epochmaking event—the birth of a god, say—in Palestine. The Chaldeans would require the property of the constant of the constant of the constant of the constant of the chaldeans would require the constant of the chaldeans. would require no stellar guidance to find the capital city of Judgea.

Having got there, the gospel tells us, they very sensibly made inquiries at the court of king Herod. They were there directed by learned Jews to pursue their inquiries in Bethlehem, since this was the city of the hero-king David and destined in native prophecy be the birthplace of a new Judge in Israel.

in Israel.

As in their previous journey, the Chaldeans would have required no stellar guidance. There was a perfectly good road from Jerusalem to Bethlehem; and why should they be so eccentric as to travel along it by night? Matthew III, 9-10 is interesting to the stellar of the second s inconsistent with what goes before and must be taken as a piece of story-teller's embroidery. The shepherds who watched their flocks by night come in another book and have nothing to do with the Magi. Matthew says that the mother and child they southt were found by the Wise Men in a house. Yours faithfully. DAVID HAWKES, All Souls College, Oxford.

Buying books

HENRY HARDY.

Oxford.

Robert Dugdale, Publisher, Wolfson College

From Dr. Henry Hardy Sir, I wish to dissent strongly from Mr Goff's counsel of imperfection (December 20). The large number of books in print provides no reasonable excuse for abandoning the ideal of supplying any individual book quickly. This is one of the prime responsibilities of any pub-lisher who deserves to succeed. It seems from their chairman's letter of the same date that David & Charles, at least meet this challenge, for all that booksellers do lenge, for all that booksellers do upt take advantage of their efficiency. I too, in my much smaller, way, supply by return, and would be ashamed if I didn't. The service of some publishers is quite bad enough without the National Book League proffering such an encouragement to complacency.

Restrictions on dogs

From Professor A. W. Woodruff From Professor A. W. Woodrujf
Sir, Since, 15 years ago my colleagues and I first published work
indicating that infection with
animal helminths creates a public
health problem in Britain I have
avoided as far as possible public
controversy on this matter. As a
medical scientist I believe it is my
duty to provide the facts and to
leave the public to make up their
own minds on what should be done
on the basis of these facts, When,
however, the facts are falsified in
debate in the House of Lords I believe it is important that I should lieve it is important that I should

correct them.
In your account (The Times,
December 15) of the debate concerning restrictions on dogs Lord de Clifford is reported as having said that the banning of dogs from parks seemed a gross interference with the freedom of the individual, Second, "on the grounds of risk to public health he said there were no facus to support such grounds.".
Third, he stated that the main-source of infection was the suckling bitch.
Regarding the first statement

surely it is accepted that individuals cannot have freedom to harm others. Contamination of the environment with infective material from dogs certainly harms others and it would appear that dog owners must accept some degree of control in the public interest in much the same way as drivers of motor vehicles accept controls,

Regarding facts on contamination of public parks and children's playing grounds with infective material, the evidence is now overwhelming. Our own study of such contamina-tion was published in 1973 and several confirmatory studies both in Britain and oversees have now been published.

been published.

The statement that "the main source of infection was the suckling bitch" is, also grossly erroneous. Our first study of the prevalence of toxocarel infection in dogs, published in 1964 showed that 20.7 percent of animals of all ages were so infected. Since then Dr D. E. Jacobs and his colleagues have reviewed evidence indicating that 7.3 percent of top know dogs from all areas in Britain are infected, that 12.8 percent of police dogs and that 15 percent of breeders and dealers dogs are infected.

are infected.

There can thus be no doubt that unrestricted access of dogs to public places constitutes a public health danger and that those local authorities who are protecting the popula-tion for whom they are responsible are acting, sensibly and ultimately

in the best interests of all, both dog owners and non-dog owners. Yours faithfully,

A. W. WOODRUFF,
London School of Hygiene and
Tropical Medicine,
Medical Unit and Toxocaral
Reference Lubersons Reference Laboratory, St. Pancres Way, NWL December 16.

Hovercraft development

From Mr T. A. Coombs Sir. Your Shipping Correspondent's article (December 19) on the problems of the French N500 hovercraft will be read with mixed but sympathetic interest by many readers.

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Thetic interest by many readers.

We frequently read unsubstantiated allegations that our ideas are too often successfully developed abroad, to our national disadvantage. In fact, only hovercraft built in, or under licence from Britain carry passengers regularly anywhere in the world British companes have also benefited, not only by exports of craft, but by collaboration on military craft and the industrial uses of air cushion principles, particular of air cushion principles, particu-larly in the USA and Canada.

The cooperation over 20 years between the National Research Development Corporation and industry has meant that, in spite of mistukes and difficulties, we have succeeded in maintaining our lead. As your correspondent says: "If all comes as a pleasant surprise." Yours faithfully, T. A. COOMBS, Chairman, Hovercraft Developments Ltd, Kingseate House, 66-74 Victoria Street, SW1.

Teaching handwriting From Mrs Basil Gray

December 19.

Sir, Mr Roderick Thomson wrote to you on December 8 attacking me for advocating a return to the reaching of the copper-plate style of band-writing in schools. The caption to writing in schools. The caption to the illustration unfortunately gave a highly misleading impression of my views, and I would like to point out that the thesis of my article was that the teaching of handwriting must be adapted to the pen which is going to be used in later life. The flexible nib required for writing copper plate is obsolete, the broadcoper plate is obsolete, and the broadcoper plate is obsolete, the broadcoper plate is obsolete, and the broadcoper plate is obsolete new writing movements, a new writ-ing rhythm, and possibly a new pen-hold in order to make use of the great 'positive advantage of these pens, their easy, pleasurable move-ment in all directions. We write badly with ball-points because we use them wrongly.

I entirely agree with Mr Thomson that what we need is clear, fluent writing. At the moment, however, the attainment of this fluency is frustrated by the current practice of teaching "print script" as the first stage in learning to write. There is no natural transition between copying printed letters and acquiring a cursive hand; and many children never get beyond the first stage; only this week I found a postgraduate student making notes forming each letter separately. He told me this was the only way he knew of writing legibly.

It is my view that the teaching of handwriting needs radical reform, based not on looking backwards except in so far as legibility demands continuity-but in looking Yours sincerely.

NICOLETE GRAY, Central School of Art and Design, Southampton Row, WC1. A memorial service for Sir Charles Petrie will be held on Thursday, January 19, at noon, in the Guards Charel, Wellington Barracks, 81,71

Eirthdays today

Sir Richard Beaumont, 65; Lieutenant-Caneral Sir Robert Furd, 54; Mr. II. Andrew Freeth, 65; Mr. Clibert Hunt, 63; Dr. Alagnus Pike, 69; Sir Norman Richards, 72.

Today's engagements

Lessibition: Slayonic many scripts, British Library, 10-5. Exhibition: Intriguing Illusions, Stience Museum, 10-6.

Paul Jovec, Elders, photographic exhibition. National Portrait Gallery, 10-6.

Concert for young people: Queen Elizabeth Hall, 3.

Puppers: Punch and Judy, Madame Tussaud's Warworks Museum, 12-4.

Walks: A London village, Hampstead; meet Hampstead Underground, 2.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Baroness Spencer-Churchill will be held in Westminster Abbey at noon on Tuesday, January 24. Accommodation will be reserved for relatives, heads of foreign and Commonwealth missions, members of the House of Lords and the House of Commons, official representatives and personal friends. In order that the appropriate seating arrangements can be made, those in the above categories are asked to make application for tickets as follows by not later than January 10: relatives and personal friends to Lady Soames, c/o Flat 15, 7-Princes Gate, London, SW7, Ambassadors and High Commissioners to the Vice Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps, Foreign and Commonwealth Office and others (in writing please and enclosing a stamped, addressed envelope) to The Registrar, 20 Dean's Yard, Westminster Abbey. London SW1P 3PA. An allocation of scats will be kept for members of the ceneral public, who will not Lady Spencer-Churchill

Latest wills

Latest estates include (net, before tax paid; tax not disclosed):
Brockhouse, Mr Arthur John Leonard, of Dawlish . £105.232
Lloyd, Mrs Lillian Clara, of Bromley, London . £188,963
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Rose, Mr Howard Charles, of litestate ... £100,867

Sturminster Newton, intestate ... £100,867

Spence, Miss Fanny Marie, of Huxham ... £126,400 Winfield, Mr Harry, of Claverley, Salop £247,648 Winfield, Mr Harry, of Claverley.
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Wright, Mr Arthur Cuniffe, of December 23, in Circucester, Wilmslow.

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The Pope bending to kiss a child as he was borne to his weekly general audience at the Vatican yesterday

25 years ago

From The Times of Mouday, Dec 29, 1952

Dec 29, 1952

The reported capture between Madagascar and the African coast of a second Coelacanth fish is an event of very considerable interest. When just before Christmas, 1938, the first specimen, five feet long and weighing 127lb, was caught by a trawler off East London it was regarded as "one of the most Amazug events in the realms of natural bistory in the twentioth century". The Coelacanthidee, a family of fishes belonging to a autoclass of bony fishes known as Crossoptenygli, were at that time only known from fossil remains ranging in date from the Upper Devortian period, not less than 300 million years ago, to the Cretaceous period, some fifty million years ago. No scientist in 1938 believed that there was any living Coelacanth, though another Crossoptenygian order is represented by the still surviving lung fishes. The sudden appearance of so long and striking a creature (it is brilliant steel-blue in colour) living in the sea fifty million years after the supposed demise of its kind, was indeed a jolt to anyone who was disposed to believe that the natural world had to large undisclosed surprises in its secret keeping. will be kept for members of the general public, who will not require tickets.

Marriage

Dr W. H. B. Ellis and Mrs M. M. Clarke

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Answers: 1. Joe Haines; 2. Brie
ven Daniken, high priest of astrotheology; 3. Monna Lisa; 4. Steel
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Hague; 10. Gore Vidal and Norman Mailer; 11. Bernard Levin;
12. Feliks Topolski; 13. Byron
Rogers; 14. The late James Dean;
15. Danish opera singer; 16.
Professor Galbraith; 17. Andrey
Whitng; court correspondent of
the Sunday Mirror; 18. William
AlcGonagali; 19. Margaret
Thatcher; 20. The actor Richard
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Forthcoming marriages

The engagement is announced between Ian Scott Anderson, ARCM, Dip Mus (Dundee), only son of Mr and Mrs George T. Anderson, 279 Holmlea Road, Glas-

Angerson, 29 notinear road, Glasgow, G44, and Elizabeth Margaret Grant Wilson, MA, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J. I. C. Wilson, 42 Victoria Crescent Road, Glas-gow, G12. and Miss E. A. Faure Walker
The engagement is announced
between Richard, son of Dr and
Mrs J. B. Bamford, of Ely and
Stanhoe, Norfolk, and Janie,
danghter of Lieutenant-Colonel
and Mrs H. W. Faure Walker, of
Sendon Bury, near Buntingford,
Hertfordshire.

and Miss S. M. Benson
The engagement is announced
between M Jean-François Héron. of Paris, and Stephanic, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Benson, of Epsom, Surrey.

and Miss K. C. Wase West
The engagement is adnounced
between julian, eldest son of Captain and Mrs Ian Powe, of 11
Capella Road, Northwood, Middlesex, and Katharine, younger
danghter of Dr and Mrs Thomas
Wade West, of Old Bursledon,
Hampshire.

Mr W. R. Primrose
and Miss C. S. Wilson
The engagement is announced
between William Robertson Primrose, BMed Biol, MB, ChB, eldest
son of Dr and Mrs David A.
Primrose, Ardeer, 40 Middlemuir
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Seonald Wilson, RGN, SCM,
elder daughter of Mr and Mrs
J. I. C. Wilson, 42 Victoria
Crescent Road, Glasgow, G12.

Mr N. W. H. Taylor and Miss K. S. Spencer
The engagement is announced between Nigel, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Brian Taylor, of Franklands, St Leonards, Tring, Hertfordstire, and Kirin, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Spencer, of 10 Priory Drive, Stillorgan, co Dublin.

Mir E. R. Wicks
and Miss L. A. Norman
The engagement is aunounced
between Robert, elder son of Mr
and Mrs W. S. Wicks, of West
Kirby, Wirral, and Lyadsey, elder
daughter of Mr and Mrs D. W.
Norman, of West Kirby, Wirral.

Shropshire; 24. Put a blade under a model of the pyramid and it is supposed to stay sharp; 25. The world Monopoly championships were held there; 26. France, as Mortagne au Perch; 27. At Kew; 28. President, Royal College of Physicians; 29. Peter Casson; 30. The prophet had come over from America; 31. Posics; he is a ballet addict; 32. It is the fourteen hundredth anniversary of the founding of Anglo-Saxon England; 33. They were holograms or laser 33. They were holograms or laser beams; 34. Denis Healey; 35. Dr Owen, the Foreign Secretary; 36. PHS stands for Printing House Square, where The Times |s prin-ted.

Law Report December 28 1977

Driver did not deliberately expose himself to danger

[Judgment delivered December 21]

A man killed when driving a motor car negligently and knowing that he had consumed too much alcohol and who, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, had not thought about his company that he had been could have played. had not thought about his con-dition or the risk he was taking, was held not to have deliberately exposed himself to exceptional danger and to have died accidentdanger and to have died accident-ally. His Lordship further held that he had died through his own criminal act, in that he had com-mitted serious offences contrary to the Road Traffic Act, 1972, and accordingly an exclusion clause in a Lloyd's personal accident policy exempted the insurers from ha-bility.

Judgment was given for Mr Nicholas Charles Hayden, such, as defendant on behalf of a group of Lloyd's underwriters, by Marcel Beller Lut., who claimed £15,000 under the policy in respect of the death of an employee; Mr John McCreedie, who died in the accident. The money was payable if "the insured person shall sustain accidental bodily injury which shall solely and independently of any other cause... result in his death."

Mr Paul Hampton for the company; Mr Roger Toulson for the insurers.

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HIS LORDSHIP, in a reserved judgment, said that at 10.15 pm on Christmas Eve, 1975, Mr McCreedle, an engineer, was killed when he lost comprol of his car in Hurst Road, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey. The company had chosen him to be project director to set up a new production acheme and had insured his life under a Lloyd's personal accident policy for 515,000. The underwritens were sued when they refused to meet the company's chaim.

The defence was threefold. (1) Death was not caused by "accidental bodily injury" within the meaning of the policy. (2) Death was caused by the deceased's "deliberate exposure to exceptional danger." within the meaning of an exception to the policy. Five criminal act, as stated in another exception to the policy. Five criminal acts were alleged, the most material acts being driving withe unfit through drink and driving at a speed or in a manner dangerous to the public (sections 5(1) and 2 of the Road Traffic Act, 1972).

Mr Brastup, who was a passenger in Mr McCreedie's cur, said that that evening they had called at two public bouses and at a private party. He said that Mr McCreedie was driving perfectly well and his reactions were extremely good. As they were about to go round a left-hand bend the car "lost the road", the rear wheels started to slide, and the car went into the air and crashed therugh railings on the other side of the road. He estimated their speed at 50 mph, and thought that the side was caused by wet or ice on the road. A man and a woman in an approaching car thought that Mr McCreedie's car was travelling very fast, about 60 or 70 mph.

His Lordship was satisfied that the immediate cause of the dis-

Mercury will be at greatest elongation west on the 11th when it will rise about an hour and a haif before the Sun.

Verus will be in superior con-junction on the 22nd and will not be observable this month.

Mars will be in opposition on the And I is retrograding in Cancer and its magnitude is about 1.0. It will pass just north of Prassepe, not through k as it did in November. Moon in the area on

November. Moon in the area of the 23rd.

Jupiter is a bright object, magni-tude -2.3, between Taurus and Gemini and visible for most of the night. It also is in retograde

night. It also is in retograde motion but not nearly as quickly as Mars. Moon near it on the right 20th-21st.

Saturn is in Leo and also visible for most of the night. Very close to Regulus on the 20th. Moon near it on the evening of the 25th.

Uranas is a moraing star in Libra, rising in the early hours. but it is not visible to the naked eye.

eye.

Neptune is a morning star in Ophinchus, also not visible to the naked eye.

The Moon: last quarter, 2d12h;

The Moon: last quarter, 2012/1, new, 9d04b; first quarter, 16d03h; full, 24d03h; last quarter, 31d24h. Algol: approximate times of evening minima are 16d22h and 19d19h. On the 16th, minimum will be just before sunset, so the star will still be below normal when the sky darkens.

sky darkens.

Mira: this variable star is still near maximum, but is likely to have faded somewhat by the nura

bave faded somewhat by the turn of the year.

The Orion group of stars dominates the sky to the south at this time of year, and as they are bright stars it is a good opportuaity to study star colours. They do not look like traffic signals because they are not bright enough; the eye needs a greater inpusity of light to see colour than is needed to see the source itself. A time exposure on colour film does show clear colour distinction, though colour photography has certain weaknesses for astronoud-cal purposes. It should be possible,

Marcel Beller Ltd v Hayden

Before Judge Fay, QC, sitting as a High Court judge

High Court judge

[ludgment delivered December 21]

aster was Mr McCreedie's action in approaching the bend at too was firmly of the view that "accident was firmly of the view that "accident "covered the happening with appreciating too late that he had which he was dealing. He was continuously the late that the had which he was dealing.

ation, found that Mr McCreedie's blood alcohol connent was 25ing per 100ml, equivalent to the consumption of 17 tots of spirits by a man of his weight. Professor Mant gave it as his opinion that a driver baving over 150mg per 100ml blood alcohol was almost certainly incapable of dealing with an emergency and if he had over 200mg he would be unlikely to be able to propel a car with any certainly.

200mg he would be unlikely to be able to propel a car with any certainty.

His Lordship had no doubt that hir McCreedle's consumption of alcohol had played a causarive part in the carastrophe. His strange loss of control of the car in ordinary conditions became readily explicable in the light of his blood alcohol content. His excessive speed and his inability to correct the situation were clearly associated with a loss of judgment induced by alcohol. The predisposing cause of the crash was the drinks he had taken.

The first legal issue was whether what happened was an "accident". Mr Toulson argued that the essence of an accidental it is was a naturally and trasonably foreseeable result of the deceased's voluntary course of confluct. He said that both the driving and the decision to drive after drinking were voluntary acts and that a reasonably foreseeable consequence of those voluntary acts was the loss of control and the ensuring injury causing death. Hence the death was not an accident. It was important to keep distinct the two causative

accidental. But ought it to be regarded in isolation?

His Lordship considered Grap v Barr 11971] 2 QB 556), which dealt with the question whether a death was accidental within the meaning of ad insurance policy, and said that he preferred the approach of Lord Justice Salmon and Mr Justice Geoffror Lane, the trial judge. Lord Justice Salmon had made the point that the word "accident" covered negligence; he accepted that marine lusurance cases showed that the cause last in time was not necessarily the effective cause; but he reached the same result as the Master of the Rolls by finding an implied term in the policy, that it was not intended to cover such an accident as the one in question. It was important that in a document such as an insurance policy, which ought to be understandable by laymen, not to depart if jos-

The night sky in January

vioced that the man in the street would say that Mr McCreedie had

died in an accident.

A further reason for adopting that view was that, had some other person been killed by Mr. McCreedie's driving, it would have been an accident within the meaning of his morte policy. If the been an accident which the hearing of his motor policy. If the same events killed both the driver and a bystander, to call one an accident and the other not an accident was the kind of decision that brought the law into discentifications.

that brought the law into disrepute.

Dealing with the question
whether the running of the danger
was a conscious act of volition
his Lordship referred to a number
of Canadian decisions and said
that a clear distinction could be
drawn between cases where the
predisposing cause was the deliberate taking of an appreciated risk
and such cases as the present
where the predisposing cause, although it led to the taking of the
risk, involved a risk which was
neither deliberately run nor actually appreciated. He found that
Mr McCreedie's death was
accidental.

ally appreciated. He folias that McCreedie's death was accidental. His Lordship rejected the argument that Mr McCreedie had deliberately exposed himself to exceptional danger when he drove knowing that he had consumed an excessive amount of alcohol. In the absence of evidence he was not prepared to assume that Mr McCreedie had thought about his condition or the risk he bout his condition or the risk he bout his condition or the risk he was taking. The effect of alcohol frequently made the victim careless, and Mr McCreedie's driving, in the state in which he was, was negligent but not deliberately so. The exclusion therefore did not apply.

driving and the decision to drive after drinking were voluntary acts and that a reasonably foreseeable consequence of those woluntary acts acts was the loss of control and the ensuing injury causing death. Hence the death was not an accident. It was important to keep distinct the two causarive elements—the immediate cause. Mr McCreedie's manner of driving; and the predisposing cause, his drinking. If the first alone was regarded, the crash was accidental. It had long been established that the assured's negligence did not deprive a happening of the character of accidental. But ought it is negligence did not deprive a happening of the character of accidental. But ought it is negligence did not deprive a happening of the character of accidental. But ought it is negligence did not deprive a happening of the character of accidental. But ought it is negligence and that the question whether a death was accidental within the meaning of all insurance policy, and said that he preferred the approach of Lord Justice Salmon and Mr Justice Geoffrey Lane, the approach of Lord Justice Salmon and Mr Justice Geoffrey Lane, the insurance cases showed that the cause last in time was not necessarily the effective cause; but here was no concerned with criminal acts was that they be crimes of moral culpability or turputule, as suggested by Mr Hampton, had made the point that the word "accident" covered negligence in the result as the cause last in time was not necessarily the effective cause; but here serious offences were on the excussed from the insured. were serious offences and could not be excluded from the insured person's own criminal acts which afforded the underwriters a defence to the claim. His Lordship accordingly found for the

Queen's Bench Division | OBITUARY

SIR HERBERT SEDDON Advances in orthopaedics.

Emeritus Professor Sir ties in the Wingfield Morris
Herbert ("Jim") Seddon, Hospital, which became the
CMG, FRCS, died on December 21 at the uge of 74. He
was Nuffield Professor of Orthoto London as the first Director

chester; St Bartholomew's Hos-pital Medical School, London; pital Medical School, London; and became an Instructor in Surgery at the Ann Arbor Medical School, Michigan, United States. It was there that he met and married Mary Lorene Lytle in 1931 who survives him, as do his son and daughter. During the Second World War his wife and children were "evacuees" in the United States and Sir Herbert spent these very lonely years in Oxford separated from those of whom he was proud and loved. His parents lived with him during these years and were of great comfort to him. were of great comfort to him.
Worcester College—of which
he was then a Professorial Fcllow (1940-1948)—gave him much companionship and to his delight he was made an Honor-ary Fellow of his old college

in 1966. He succeeded He succeeded Gathorne Girdlestone as Nuffield Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery. Oxford University, in 1940 and during the following eight years he was a world authority and adviser to the Colonial Secretary on the outbreaks of poliomyelitis in Malta and Mauritius. He contributed significantly to the understanding and treatment of tuberculosis of the pine and to the management of peripheral nerve injuries, particularly of war time casual-

was Nuffield Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at Oxford from 1940 to 1948, Director of Clinical Director of inc Royal National Orthopaedics And Professor of Orthopaedics, London University, 1965-67.

The son of John Seddon he was educated at the William Hulme Grammar School, Manchester; St Bartholomew's Hospital Medical School London University. He held many official and important appointments to the Medical Research Council and to the appointments to the stedical Research Council and to the Colonial Advisory Medical Committee as we'll as serving as an adviser and statesman for the development of orthopaedic surgery in Kenya, Uganda, Nigeria and other developing

third world countries. He was knighted in 1964 and had by then received many honorary degrees, prizes and eponymous lectureships, but the one which gave him much pleasure was when he was elected doctory homorie cours elected docteur honoris causa, University of Grenoble.

Underneath a perhaps somewhat shy exterior Herbert Seddon was a kindly and thoughtful man and his friendship once given was something to cherish. His many acts of kindness were always shown discreetly and he was narricularly gifted in his relationship with children, who always responded to his affection and

Historically owes a great debt of gratitude to Herbert Seddon for introducing such a firm discipling of scientific observation and thought into the subject.

He was a retiring man but of great strength of character. To the last be was an active Reader at the parish church of St John's, Stanmore.

MRS KATHLEEN CLARK

Mrs Kathleen Clark, who died on Christmas Day in south London, aged. 86, greatly endeared berself to the the theatrical profession. Moreover. through a quarter of a century, lier face was familiar to thousands of playgoers who did not know her name.

Married at 18 and widowed a few years later, with a small son, she went in 1916 fat a salary of fifteen shillings a silary of titteen shiftings a week) as box-office manager for "the Lady", Lilian Bavlis, at the then freshly flowering Old. Vic. Brisk and auburnhaired, she became known generality as "Clarkie", the name by which nearly every player in the classical thearre between the ware would think between the wars would think of her affectionately.

She was a Cockney, warmly loyal and ludividual. "Really another Lilian Baylis", Dame Sybii Thoradike said to Richard Findlater. "the Lady's" biographer. It was only just that she should have been driving with Miss Baylis on the night of a celebrated car accident in central London. "She's the manager of the Old Vic". manager of the Old Vic", natural wit, on the rele Clarkie told the ambulance and off, was unchecked.

men; whereupon Miss Buylis. etiring from apparent uncon-sciousness, added and Sadler's Wells before she sank back

Early during the Second World War, when the Waterloo Road theatre had been hombed, Clarkie was managing the Old Vic companies that trured with the support of CEMA, the Arts Council's forerunger. Charles Landsinne, whom she

aided at the council arded at the council tor weveral years, used to 51° that when he visited any company during the war, or afterwards, the first greeting was, inevitably, "How's Clarkle?". She mathered them all; and later, in the St James's Square offices the continued to be one offices, she continued to be one of the council's loved figures until Ler retirement at 65. After this she kept a close

After this she kept a close link with the stage at large by helping the editor, Freda Gave, to bring out two of the ouinquesinal volumes of Who's Who in the Theatre. Latterly an invalid, her cheerfulness dever waned. Clarkie's laugh was contained to the end her tagious, and to the end her

LOTTE SCHONE

Lotte Schöne, the noted Her sole Covent Garden Austrian soprano, has died at appearance was Liu at the her home coar Paris at the age first London performances of

her home near Paris at the age of 86. During the 1920s and early 30s she was one of the most sought after singers of the lighter lyrical roles.

She was born on December 15, 1891, at Vienna where she studied. She made her debut at the Vienna Volksoper as a bridesmaid in Der Freischütz in 1915. She stayed at that house for two wears, appearing in 1915. She stayed at that house for two years, appearing in 30 operas, before moving in 1917 to the State Opera, where she remained for seven happy years. She was particularly admired there in her Mozart roles and as Musetta. When she moved to the Berlin State Opera in 1925, she graduated to heavier roles such as Eva, Manon, Mimil and Cio-Cio-San. From 1922 to 1934 she was a From 1922 to 1934 she was a regular visitor to the Salzburg Pestival, where she was a delightful Zerlina, Despina and

first London performances of Turandor in 1927. About that time she made an unforgettable record of Liu's two arias. When the Nazis come to power in 1933, she was forced as a Jew to leave Germany, and she moved to Paris, where her Melisande was much admired at the Opera Comique.
After appearing there in Movert
under Bruno Walter in 1937
she virtually retired from the to appear in recitals: her ability as a lieder singer was

appreciable.

The joyfulness and high spirits of her singing and of her character can still be cantured on her numerous records, the best of which show a tech-nical skill and a natural ease of forward vocal production ton seldom heard among her suc-

MR LAWRENCE TURNER

however, to perceive some differences in colour among the Orion
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20,000°C. You have the whole Mr Lawrence Turner, Con-ervative member of Parliament for Oxford from 1950 to 1959,

Burma Road project. By the time, he was released he weighed only seven stone. During his captivity he lectured on politics

He stood as a Conservative for Oxford from 1950 to 1959, died on December 17 at the age of 68.

Henry. Frederic Lawrence
Turner was born on December General Sir Noel Mason-Macris and 1908, the son of G. F. farlane, and reduced the Labour majority. He stood again majority He stood again majority he stood again majority in the general election of 1950 but later that year was chosen by the Oxford City at a by-election at Paddington. man of the South Oxfordshire Conservative Association and was educated at Radley, Reading was chosen by the Oxford City University, and Exeter College. Oxford. In the Second World War he endisted in the ranks and was later commissioned in the Royal Artillery. Serving in Thailand he was taken prisoner and served on the infemous Road priniect. By the Successfully in me general election of 1950 but later that year was chosen by the Oxford City Conservatives to stand in place of Mr Quintin Hogg, who had succeeded to his father's peerage. He won the ensuing by election, increasing the Conservative majority in a straight fight with Labour. He held the seat until 1959. seat until 1959. He married in 1938 Edna May Hartley. They had a son and a daughter. The marriage was dissolved in 1966.

BISHOP ASHDOWN

The Rt Rev Hugh Edward Ashdown, Bishop of Newcastle from 1957 to 1972, died on December 26 at the age of 77. The son of William Edward

Ashdown, he was born on July 5. 1904 and educated at St John's, Leatherhead, Keble College, Oxford and Lincoln Theological College, Ha was ordained in 1929 to the curacy of St. Mary, Portsea, a parish where many distinguished clergy had their early training.

Lady Sheepshanks, widow of Sir Thomas Sheepshanks, KCB, sir Inomas Sheepsnanks, KCB, sometime Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Local Government, died on December 23. She was Elizabeth Creemer, daughter of James Calvert, and she was married in 1921. Her husband died in 1964.

From 1934 to 1937 he was ... chaptain and lecturer at his old theological college, spent six years as perpetual current of St. Aldan's, West Hartlepool, and from 1943 to 1948 was rector of Houghton-le-Spring. He was rector of St Saviour with St. Pater Saviour With St. He married in 1937 Georgina Sylvia (nee Battye) and they had one son and two daughters.

Count Sforza-Galeazzo Sforza, deputy secretary general of the Council of Europe, died in Strasbourg on December 28, He was 61. He was the son of Count Carlo Sforza (1873-1952), the distinguished former Italian's Foreign Minuster.

Science report

Nuclear energy: Research into fusion process

Scientists at the Laboratory for Laser Energetics of Rochester Uni-versity in New York have reported an important advance in research aimed at producing energy from controlled nuclear fusion. For the first time it is possible to make direct measurements of the density of fuel pellets that have been compressed by energetic laser beams. Energy is released either when certain heavy nuclei split apart in the process known as fission or when some light ducici are fused together. The present debate on nuclear energy is concerned with the difficulties of the fission process, in particular with the inherent daugers of the fuel itself and the waste products produced in the reactor. The nuclear fusion process, on the other hand, thous not use such a dangerous fuel, although it may well have considerable difficulties associated with waste products, and it has on occasion been promoted as the process promising utilimited supplies of energy from realwater.

That is a rather misleading sim-Energy is released either when

That is a rapher misleading sim-plification but it is certainly true that if controlled nuclear fusion can be achieved it will provide an

extremely attractive source of is the approach being attempted energy. It is also true that that will be very difficult; an enormous research effort has started but it will be next century at the earliest before fusion becomes a viable energy source, according to most continued.

viable energy source, according to most estimates.

The difficulty is largely one of ignition, the fuel will "burn" easily enough once it is lit, but chormons temperatures and pressures are required to ignite it. The same difficulty occurs with the hydrogen bomb, which produces energy from the fusion process: once lit, the bomb works spectacularly but an atom bomb most be used as a detonator to generate the high temperatures needed.

In order to generate energy from fusion, an intensely hot

from fusion, an intensely hot plasma of hydrogen isotopes must be confined long enough for the be confined long enough for the marchest to fuse together. The temperature required is about one hundred million degrees centing and that raises the problem of containment—how can such a hot plasma be held?

There are two possible solutions: one is to combin the first the first of a magnetic field, that the density of the fuel will have

the hot fuel is confined by its own inertia.

The latter approach is the one adopted by scientists who are trying to achieve controlled fusion with the use of lasers. A tiny glass bubbe, a "microballoon", is filled with fuel and then biasted from all sides by an intense burst of energy from a laser. That causes the fuel to be compressed and heated, and given the right conditions fusion will take place. The right conditions are not conditions fusion will take place.

The right conditions are not easy to achieve. The laser must deliver a few million megawatts in a few picoseconds (a millionth of a millionth of a second) and that energy has no be deposited on to the microballoons, which have diameters less than that of a human hair.

One of the unjoy difficulties is measuring exactly what goes on

to be increased by a thousand times, and so far a precise measurement of the density of the compressed fuel has not been possible. Such measurements have to be made if there is no be any progress. progress.

Scientists at Rochester Univer-sity filled microballoons with neon sity filled microballoons with neon and examined the X-rays given off when the neon was compressed by a laser system. They show that the characteristics of the X-rays can be used to determine the density of the compressed neon and their results show that target compressions by a factor of 150 have been obtained.

In future research therefore

have been obtained.

In future research, therefore, mean can be added to the nuclear fuel to give a direct method of measuring the automat of fuel compression. Such a diagnostic technique could be a crucial step towards achieving controlled fusion. By Nature-Times News Service Source: Physical Review Letters (col 39, p1526, December 12, 1977). C Nature Times News Service, 1977.

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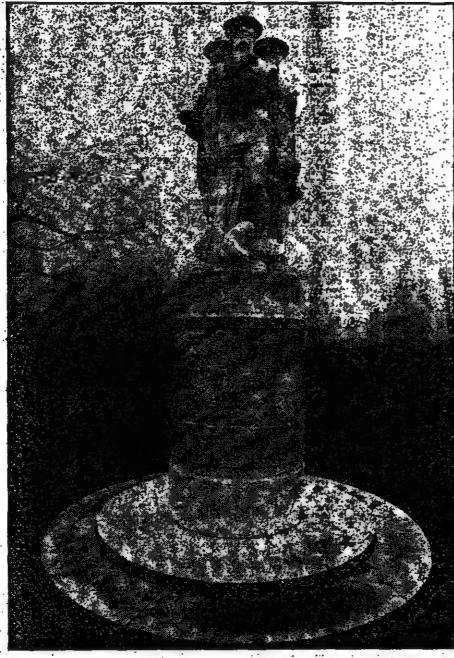




Top: Robert Graves at the foot Joyce, and part of the exhibition "Elders" at the National Portrait Gallery now.

Right: The memorial to the 24th Division, 1914-1918, in Sattersea Park, by Erio Kennington. Robert Graves is the model for one of the figures, but who are the other two? Photograph by Harry Kert.

Above: War Memorial to the Royal Artillery at Above: War Memorial to the ribys Arthery at Hyde Park Comer. Sculptured by Sergeant Jagger, who was also the creator of the monument to the men of the Great Western Railway in Paddington. Times library.



What We wanted Them to look like

Some weeks ago we ran a of which they have had a John Curry, the Earl of Penstory on this page which tied good deal of experience.

Being of the persuasion "only". There is plenty of that elders are frequently material here.

The photograph I liked dest, perhaps because it is exhibition seemed a natural of the elder whose work I have a greatly enjoyed was an exhibition of formidably to write about after the successful women photographed by Mayotte Magnus, problem was that while the graphed by Mayotte Magnus, women were quite happy to at the National Portrait Gallery. The piece concluded with a few ideas on how various ladies on The Times and had obviously given and elsewhere thought they might like to look, and, nothing if not adherent to the concept of equal opportunities the dreams of various ladies on The Times and had obviously given some thought to appearance even when greatly distinguished in the masculine world, the elders were very shy. Students of tunities, the dreams of various men, too. There is a new exhibition

the National Portrait Paul Joyce, which will run tain age, indeed the show is called "Elders". Sir Alfred Ayer, John Bratby, Lord

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women were quite happy to discuss who they would have liked to look like, from Greta Garbo to Queen Mary,

were very shy. Students of preordained sex roles in society might care to let me know what fearful English Gallery which consists of repression this suggests—are photographs of men taken by women still automatically conscious of their physical until February 5. What looks even when they can makes the group even more match men in jobs, or are interesting than their fame our men still imbued with is that they are all of a cer- the neo-Puritan thought that concern for handsomeness is wicked? William Golding was the most succinct. He said he did not know who Butler, Henry Moore, Sir said he did not know who Nikolaus Pevsner, J. H. else he might have wanted to Plumb and Max Wall, to look like because it had name but a cross-section, never occurred to him to ask lower, preside, glare, or saze stoically out at a world sure what he looked like, anyway. "If you have a beard—and it's not so much himself since he was not very a beard as not shaving you

never have an idea what your face looks like." Trying to level the opportunities of age, I then asked tunities of age, I then asked numerous females whom they would like their ideal man to look like. Interestingly most chose elders—
James Mason got three votes—but confronted with a potential exhibition of youngers we could only come up with Peter Iay. David

have so greatly enjoyed, was of Robert Graves. He is framed with a hand on the base of the war memorial m Rattersea Park, sculpted by Eric Kennington in memory of the 24th Division. Graves modelled for the central figure, so my Christmas quiz is: who were the other two?

The beauty and the dignity of this memorial prompted me to think about other representations of how we wanted men who would by now be elders to look. I have always admired the Gunner memorial at Hyde Park Corner and the equally superb bronze on platform one at Paddington station; no surprise to the readers of this page, my eye deceived ine not. They are by the same sculptor, C. S. Jagger, who was always known as Sergeant Jagger. He started creative life as a coldsmith in tive life as a goldsmith in 1906, won the much coveted Prix de Rome, open to painters, sculptors and engravers. He was twice wounded in the First Word War and won the Military Cross. Who were the models for Hyde Park Corner and Paddington, which com-memorates the 2,524 men of the Great Western Railway who died in the service of

their country between 1914-

youngers we could only come The Times recently up with Peter Jay, David reported the intention of the Owen, John Bates, Jimmy DES to set up special five-Neighbour, Prince Andrew, year degree courses at five creative competency.

ing for high-flyers in an attempt to bring British industrialists up to the standards of the chite European counterparts 20.

A year ago I applauded the suggestion made by Professor Kenneth Alexander, chair-man of the Highlands and Islands Development Board, in his speech to the CNAA in Edinburgh, that up to 15 educational institutions with a concern for design should be extracted from the thrall of the DES and handed to the DOI so that students might be more properly trained for the rigours of competitive industry in which design must play so crucial a part.

That recognition of superior design is, I believe, the only justification for import sanctions. Of course I want the British textile industry to revive, of course I recognize the contribution of the few fine firms-Ascher for example we have left; with such an expensive state design educarion programme how can the Government possibly not support our cause even in the face of the needs of the Third

World?

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Paul Joyce is not only a photographer. He is also the director of six documentary films and four plays.

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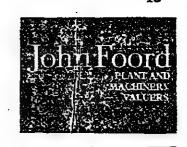
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BUSINESS NEWS



Post Office on course for another year of record profits

Industrial Editor.
The Post Office Corporation, which has already been required by the Price Commission to ceturn more than £100m in excess profits to telephone sub-scribers; is again heading for a big surplus in its current finan-

Yesterday speculation that the figure might be as high as £450m, based on the trend indicated by preliminary internal accounts for the first six months from April to September, drew a cautious reaction from the corporation.

A spokesman said it was too early to start talking about the surplus in specific terms. Fore-casts were constantly being

casts were constantly being revised in the light of internal monitoring of results.

What could be said was then there would be no question of excess profits and a figure of £450m was, as a projection, much too high.

In its last financial year the corporation made profits of nearly £400m but this was cut to £291.3m after the Price Companies in interveneed on telephone. mission intervened on telephone

Significantly, the corporation yesterday confirmed that the telecommunications side of its business was on its profit target set by the Government (a real rate of return of 6 per cent from the years 1976-77 to 1978-79).

This would indicate a massive

This would indicate a massive surplus before interest but after historic and supplementary depreciation.

It would indicate a figure of £400m on the present accounting basis, but the overall profits of the corporation are determined also by the performance of the postal side, which may not break even in spite of the big rise in Christmes mail.

The corporation has to earn a substantial profit on its telephone services to pay for the

phone services to pay for the heavy investment programme required to improve the ser-

Any excessive sum carned above its statutory financial target in the year ending next March will clearly be looked at by the Price Commission.

A year ago Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, set the present financial target on the understanding that the corporation would avoid further price increase until March, 1978, at least.

Earlier this month, Sir begins the appointment of worker directors to the least the new force of worker directors to the least the new force of worker directors to the least the new force of worker directors to the least the new force of worker directors to the least the new force of worker directors to the least the new force of worker directors to the least the new force of worker directors to the least the new force of worker directors to the least the new force of worker directors to the least the new force of worker directors to the least the new force of worker directors to the least the new force of worker directors.

William Barlow, the new Fost Office chairman, said he hoped the commitment to hold telephone charges could be extended beyond next spring, which would mean that they had been steady for 24 years.
The corporation's problems



now centre on the postal business, which last year after previous price rises, recorded a profit of £24m, ending a run of eight loss-making years. The size of the future wage bill is not known and this could disnot known, and this could dis-rupt forecasts for breaking even on the postal business. The Union of Poet Office Workers, most of whose 201,000 members work on mail services,

has still to negotiate a pay claim, which could range from 6 per cent just to consolidate previous wage supplements to well beyond 10 per cent.

Although Mr Tom Jackson, the general secretary, has warned his members of difficulties in negotiating a deal as envisaged by the union's annual conference, the leaders are still under an instruction to press for a claim that protects living stundards, provides for con-solidation, and ends anomalies. between postmen and other corporation staff.

A union spokesman said yesterday that if reports of another big profit were true the union would have great difficulty personaling its members to accept a pay award, due to date from the beginning of 1978, within the Government's midelines.

guidelines. ment of worker threctors to boardroom alongside several consumer representatives and a team of full and partitime

Financial matters are to be taken over by Mr Frederick Waterhouse, a senior ICI

Platinum price increased: for second time in month

Rustenburg, the free world's targest platinum producer, yes-tarday announced an increase in its producer selling price from \$175 to \$180 (about £100) an punce, the second rise in a

The move follows Impala Platinum's decision just before Christmus to overtake Rustenburg's earlier increase by raising its selling price a full \$18 to \$180 an ounce. With the strength of the pound, the minimum sterling seling price remains unchanged

ducer price follow increasing strength in the free marker in London, where prices nudged the f96 level a week ago, com-pared with the free marker's marked weakness over the past

Prolonged weakness in demand for platinum has led to serious problems for the two main producers, Rustenburg and Impala, with lower profits forcing them to cut their dividends.

Rustenburg has also reduced production by 20 per cent.

IATA watches low fares

Traffic and financial projections for 1978 for world airlines look to an improvement, but diverted traffic from other types rendered difficult by the continuing experimentation with low fares on the North tinuing experimentation with low fares on the North Atlantic, Mr Knut Hammarskjöld, direc-tor general of the International Transport Association said

How the markets moved

aviation, it was easy to over-look the fact that air transport was not only a public service, but also an important element of a wider system of inter-national trade and economic It remained to be seen to relations.

Mr Carter selects new chief of Fed From David Cross

Washington, Dec 28

President Carter has chosen Mr G. W. Miller, president of Textron, to replace Dr Arthur Burns as chairman of the Federal Reserve System.

Dr Burns, aged 73, has been chairmen since 1970 and an economics adviser for every President since Mr Eisenhower. But he has come under in-creasing fire from liberal Democrats, led by Senator William Proxmire, of Wisconsin. They contended that the policies he practised drove interest rates up—abetting both inflation and with the programment.

Dr Burns, while being replaced as chairman, will remain on the board if he chooses to until 1984. His term as chairuntil 1984. His term as chairman rums out on January 31. He recently indicated he would remain a member of the board, even if replaced as chairman.

Mr Miller has been a director of the Federal Reserve Bank in Boston for six years.

At the oge of 52, he will head the seven-member penel, which has the power to counter the economic policies of both the White House and Congress.

Dr Burns has been at odds with some of President Carter's policies, particularly in the area of tight money. However, he has been a favourite of the business community and strongly indicated that he would like to remain at the belon of the Federal Reserve.

The President has been at odds with the president has been looking for a replacement able to The President has been looking for a replacement able to satisfy the business community, which has been less than enthusiastic with his Administration's policies thus far.

Mr. Miller, a native of Sapulpa, Oklahoma, has served as chairman of the Conference Board, an influential business group with headquarters in New York. A lawyer, he joined Textron, a conglomerate, in 1956 as vice-president

American trade gap narrows

By Caroline Atkinson America's trade gap narrowed lest month to \$2,080m from \$3,100m in October. The markets were relieved, as the November deficit was amaker than had been expected.

However, Ms Courtenay Shater, the chief economist at the United States Commerce Department, said that the im-

provement was not a sign of any basic change in trade patterns. The dock strike on the east coast of America had distorted recent trade figures.
The latest official forecast is

The latest official forecast is of a trade deficit for the year of \$27,000m. In the first 11 months of 1977 the deficit totalled \$24,480m. It is thought that the dock strike cut exports rather more than imports.

The dollar had been extremely weak yesterday morning as a result of market fears over the size of the deficit. After the figures were announced, the currency picked up America's big unde gap this year has been the chief cause of the dollar's weakness in the exchange markets, and there is no sign of an early improvement.

Emphasis on strong dollar Washington, Dec 28

Mr Henry Wallich, a gov-ernor of the Federal Reserve Board, said here that "United States interest in a strong dollar is undentable. Nevertheless it would be a "mistake" to say that this interest should be measured by the scale of American intervention in the Mr Walkich, who was speaking at a kincheon in New York of the American Economic Association and American Fin-ance Association, said official American intervention in recent weeks had been adequate to meet the degree of disorder in the market.

The Times index: 207.76+2.12 The FT index: 490.4+6.7

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EEC has right to investigate capital restructure of state steel

Brussels may vet BSC financing

6 1978 will be for the British Steel Corpora-

be tempted to go elsewhere for cheaper, better, more reliable steel. We have to con-

vince them that we can improve our

tion a year for survival. Our customers will

of the British Steel Corporation, which could form part of the measures to stem the corporation's huge losses may be investigated by the European Commission. The corporation, which lost 201m in the first half of the

current financial year is expected to record a loss of at least £500m for the full year. Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, is expected to announce measures for dealing with the crisis, which have been agreed between the BSC and trade unions, towards the end of next month.

Under the terms of the Treaty of Accession, signed when

of Accession, signed when Britain joined the Community five years ago, there is a provi-sion for detailed investigation to be carried out into the financing of the state steel

industry.

Article 134 of the treaty states: "During the five years following accession the Commission will examine with the governments concerned whether governments concerned whether existing measures arising from provisions laid down by law, regulation or administrative action in force in the new member states, which had they been introduced after accession would have fallen within the

US banks

ready to

\$500m

From John Earle Rome, Dec 28

lend Italy

for capital investment purposes, would be made available by a concortium of five banks headed by Chemical Bank of New York.

New YOTK.

Signor Stamman sidestepped the issue in an interview with the Italian radio. He merely said he had found a much improved attitude towards Italy in international banking circles in recent months, adding that a

constant effort was needed if this new-found confidence was not to be dispared.

complete picture is not yet available of the difficulties

definition of the carried facing. Italcasse, the central institute of savings banks. Some of the main banks in the mezogiorno, such as Banco di Napoli,

ern banks, which needed to in-corporate these sums into their end-of-year accounts. The main beneficiary, it added, would be Banco di Napoli, which found itself in difficult straits. Business Diary, page 15

Microelectronics

It was confirmed yesterday by the Department of Industry that a plan to provide develop-ment support for the micro-electronics industry is being discussed with manufacturers and users

The intention is that the Government and the industry should share the cost of the programme, which might total about £50m. The companies involved include Ferranti, GRC,

tempts to rationalize or to co-ordinate the microelectronics activities of these companies have not succeeded. Now the

importance of large-scale inte-gration (LSI) and very large scale integration (VLSI) in microckreums is such that the

world's leading semiconductor companies—mainly American

and Japanese can exert a dominant effect on the products of 'electronic equipment com-

These circuits can contain the

equivalent of tens of thousands of transistors, and are at the heart of many of the latest

developments in computers communications, business and

industrial equipment and many kinds of new electronic

Barly this year the Govern-ment announced a 220m scheme to support the electronic com-

ponents industry over a wide range of products, including microelectronics. The proposed £50m scheme will be in

The scheme was devised by the Department of Industry.

products.

£50m support By Kenneth Owen Technology Correspondent

may gain

and Plessey.

performance to meet their needs. If we fail to do that we are in real danger, 9 all of us. No job would be safe. Sir Charles Villiers, chairman of the BSC, in an end-of-year message in the corporation's newspaper Steel News. scope of srticle 67 of the ECSC Treaty, could by comparison with the measures in force in the original member states, give

rise to serious distortions in conditions of competition in the coal and steel industries whether within the Common whether within the Common Market or in export markets."

So far there has been no investigation, but a financial reconstruction could set off such an inquiry. The issue has been raised by the Select Committee on Nationalized Industries, which spent 18 months investigating the affairs of the BSC. Their report is to be published early next year.

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In the penultimate session of the committee, Mr Joel Barnett, Chief Secretary of the Trea-

sury, was asked what progress had been made in meeting the requirements of article 134. Mr Barnett noted simply that the United Kingdom Government was in discussion with the Commission on a number of issues. The Department of Industry, sponsoring department for the BSC, said during the weekend:
"Under the terms of the Treaty
of Accession it is for the Commission to approach the British Government and no approach has been made so far. It is for the Commission to take the ini-

tiative." Apart from the possibility of an investigation as a result of a reconstruction of BSC's finances

direct subsidy which conflicts with the terms of the ECSC Tresty. At the end of its last financial year the BSC's capital amounted to £1,379.5m. Output falls: Crude steel pro-

duction in the 29 member countries of the International Iron and Steel Institute fell 3.9 per cent in November to 35,381,000 tonnes from 36,817,000 tonnes in October. Production last Nov-ember was 36,800,000 tonnes. the Institute reported. In the first 11 months of 1977

total crude steel output was 3 per cent down at 399,400,000 tonnes. This was mainly the result of lower production both in the EEC and the United States—by 6 per cent and 3.6 per cent. respectively. Import changes: All existing

licences for the import of iron and steel products will be revoked from Saturday. Importers will be required to apply for new licences giving more de-tailed information on prices. This is in accordance with

an agreement reached by the EEC Council of Ministers enrlier this month to impose a new system of minimum steel import prices. Products com-ing in below those prices will EEC officials may consider that be subject to a levy, details of the corporation's public divi- which are being worked out.

British Shipbuilders' review will go to Mr Varley this week

By Our Industrial Correspondent

British Shipbuilders will submit a review of its activities submit a review of its activities to Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, this week. This review will form the basis of the organization's operations over the next 18 months.

The final report was approved by the board of the state corporation last week, and has to be submitted before the end of this year to comply with the legislation which established the shipbuilding organization.

British Shipbuilders, which was vested on July 1, is required to pay attention to management organization, industrial democracy, decentralization, sales, pricing and production policies.

The review, it is understood, Rome, Dec 28

The Italian government would neither confirm nor deny today, that a group of American banks stands ready to grant Italy a \$500m loan as a result of contacts initiated after a weekend visit to North Americalist November by Signor Gectano Stammati, the Treasury Minister. The Corriere della Sera, the Milan newspaper, carried on its front page a report that the loan, to be used for capital investment purposes,

world shipbuilding, which faces and the further spur provided several lean years because of overcapacity and slack demand. It will also emphasize the importance which the state organization attaches to the establishment of a comprehensive European maritime policy. The report does not attempt to spell out the cuts, which are seen as inevitable because of overcapacity, but it will note that agreement has been

Considerable emphasia

reached on a redundancy scheme for the industry similar to that applied by the British Steel Corporation. The Government is expected to announce the scale of payments

tion, sales, pricing and produc-tion policies.

The review, it is understood, will attempt to analyse the United Kingdom industry's developed in the construction position in the context of more sophisticated vessels

by favourable fluctuations in currency exchange rates of Britishn's major European shipbuilding competitors.

Marketing efforts by the state corporation have this year secured about £480m worth of business, aided by the £55m intervention fund which is designed to narrow the price gap because British and prices and between British yard prices and those of foreign competitors through direct subsidies. British Shipbuilders and

Ministers are now involved in discussions on a renewal of the fund in the year which begins in March. A fund of some 270m is seen as being necessary, si-though it is recognized that there could be difficulties with the EEC Commission.

The review will also deal with the corporation's pinus for streamlining the management of the industry.

City fears over ECGD transfer plan to Cardiff

By Derek Harris

Exporters and other companies with extensive business abroad are becoming increase ingly alarmed at the possible effects of a plan to move from London, to Cardiff the underwriting division of the Export Credits Guarantee Department.

The London Chamber of Commerce and Industry, which has been receiving an increasing number of complaints from members about the proposal, resterdoy gave warning about a possible " dilution of expertise" the ECGD underwriting division. This is because, faced with a move away from London, a number of ECGD underwriters may, it is feared, opt to leave or take early retirement.

The chamber is also worried that there could be a loss of personal contact between underwriters who go to Cardiff and writers who go to Cardill and
the company executives, insurance brokers and others in the
City who would normally be
involved in arranging for the
various forms of export cover.
"It is important in our view
that this sort of business
should continue to be carried through on a face-to-face basis",
a chamber spokesman said a chamber spokesmau said yesterday. * Although some senior underwriters will apparently be left in London that may not cope with the situation and delays could build

Under the ECGD plan some 850 staff would be expected to move to Cardiff between 1979 and 1981 as part of the relocation of the comprehensive guarantee division. This would include the majority of the include the majority of the underwriting staff. Other divisions are also to be relocated.

relocated.

As strong protest against the proposed switch is expected to be the first job tackled by an export finance panel, just set up by the chumber.

The panel, whose chairman is Mr Jim Rooke, former chief executive of the British Oversees Trade Rosed and now a sees. Trade Board and now a director of Fodens, has been set up to give industry a more effective voice in discussions on financing trade.

Mr Rooke's panel is expected to be joined in the protest by other trade associations.

Taylor Woodrow's Crawley scheme would be bigger than Brent Cross

Battle opens for vast new shopping complex

not to be disparsed.

The danger of this in the view of numerous commentators is palpable when seen against the background of the prooccupying level of company indebtedness, the disastrons outfook for a number of wellknown companies, and a loss of credibility threatening more than one bank.

In the backing system, a complete picture is not yet Taylor Woodrow has been asked to provide further details of a controversial scheme to create near Crawley, Sussax, what would be one of the largest regional shopping, centres in Europe. The pro-posed complex is larger than that at Brent Cross in north London.

First details of the scheme have provoked concern among local authorities and opposition from traders over much of the ome counties. Last month the company, part

giorno, such as Banco di Napoli, Banco di Sicilia and Banco di Sardegua, have an ungent recapitalization problem.

According to 24 Ore, the sonomic daily, the cabinet will tomorrow approve an immediate infusion of 250,000m lire (£152m), for these three southern banks, which needed to incomments these ways into their of the construction and civil eogineering group, submitted an application for outline planan apparation for the centre on land at Pease Portage. Once a staging post on the London to Brighton road, this bamlet now occupies a strategic posiotorway. The application relates to a

106.8 acre site and is for a gross floor area of 1,184,000 sq ft. This includes about 850,000 sq ft for comparison shopping (such goods as quality clothing,

footwear, fabrics, jeweiry, furniture) and 85,000 sq fr for convenience shopping (such as food, newspapers, tobacco and durables for which there is a wide sale). There would be parking space for 6,000 vehicles. The scheme, which Taylor Woodrow says would serve a catchment area within 35 catchment area within 35 minutes travel, is considered of such a size as to have impor-tont consequences for services, like roads and housing, and most important, existing shops The authorities are asking for estimates of the centre's turnover, and an indication of the number of jobs likely to be provided. Several local authorities-in

themselves to be refected Meanwhile, representatives from tunse most affected, West Sus-sex, Mid Sussex, Crawley and ing party which is expected to meet Taylor Woodrow officials to discuss the application early

Environment has so far declined to become directly involved in consideration of the application. As required for shopping developments outside existing city, town or district centres, involving gross floor space of 100,000 square feet or more, the Taylor Woodrow application was referred to Mr Shore, Secretary of State for Environment, who decided Environment, who decided against calling it in for consideration. However, the department has

indicated that it would wish to reconsider its decision should the local authority conclude that it wishes to give outline vermission. Should permission be refused, Taylor Woodrow could consider an appeal to the Secretary of State. Recent DoE guidelines note

that, because estimates suggested that by 1985 one family in three would be without a car, it was preferable for large new stores to be located where they can serve not only those who travel by car but also customers

travelling by foot or using public transport. This suggested that new stores could be best accommodated within existing urban areas.

Traders are concerned that such a centre would syphon business from existing shopping centres. Mr James Patmore, secretary of Brighton and Hove-Chamber of Commerce and Trade, said that the potential loss of trade "over a very wide area" was enormous. It had already been calculated on the basis of information already available that Brighton would lose about £16m of business a

Mr Patmore explained that he had been acting as a "sound-ing board" for opposition from other Chambers of Commerce. "Already I have been in touch with about 30 which have indicated their opposition in prin-ciple to this scheme." These included organizations represeming Crarriey, Horsham, East Grinstead, Bexhill, Croydon and Guildford.

John Huxley

Six-month reprieve for Hull municipal phone service The Post Office proposes to

renew for six months the licence under which Hull Corporation operates the only municipal telephone service in Britain, Lut final agreement on the long-term future of the ser-vice has not yet been reached with the Department of Indus-Any long-term renewal is subject to the consent of Mr

Varley, Secretary of State for Last October the Post Office Engineering Union said most unions within the Post Office "are agreed the network should be incorporated within the Post Office

the Post Office system.

US oil groups face overcharging action

In Washington, US Department of Energy sources said the agency will claim during the next few weeks that a number of big oil companies overcharged their customers. The agency yesterday claimed that Exxon Corporation overcharged buyers of crude oil from two fields in Alabama and Florida by \$70.8m (£37m) be-tween March 1, 1974, and Dec-ember 31, 1976. This is the first action taken since the Government amnounced planned a major audit of oil company activities.

Mowlem in £7m deal A £7.1m contract for a con-struction wherf in Abu Dhabi has been awarded so Al QueIn brief

formed a year ago by the London-based group and its local partner to handle building and civil engineering work in the emirate. About 200 men will be employed on the work which is for the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company.

Aid for £13m orders British industry benefited by

about £13m in November from orders after grants and loans to developing countries made by the Ministry of Overseas Development under the aid programme and administered by the Crown Agents.

Among the largest contracts accepted for financing was one worth £1.9m from Vauxhall Motors to supply Bedford chassis to Bangladesh and one worth £69.000 from British Leyland International to supply Land Rovers for Afghanistan

N Sea move by Agip. Agio of the state-owned ENI group has, for the first time, become an operator in the

become an operator in the North Sea with the award of an exploration permit for block 33/6 in the Norwegian sector. Agip has 30 per cent in the consortium, in which the other partners are Deminex (20 per cent), of West Germany, and Statoil, the Norwegian state company.

THE SCOTTISH AND MERCANTILE INVESTMENT COMPANY LIMITED

Highlights from the Chairman's Statement on the accounts to 31st March, 1977 Mr. R. D. Poore

> ► Investment income up from £423,634 to £444,154.

 Group consolidated profit attributable to shareholders up from £242,382 to

Dividend up from 2.699895p per share to 3.01557p per share, being the maximum amount allowed under present

 Surplus of market value of quoted investment portfolio over book value up from £0.9 million to £2.4 million (£3.9 million at 9th November, 1977).

► Hall Russell & Co. Limited, the principal operating subsidiary of the associated company, was taken into public ownership on 1st July, 1977. The precise criteria to be applied in calculating compensation have not yet been disclosed.

Copies of the Report and Accounts are available on request from The Registrars, 6 Long Lane, London, EC1A 9DP.

BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

The omens for 1978

better times than they have experienced in the past three years and, given the normal cyclicality of stock markets, might now justifiably question whether equities can go anywhere other than down in 1978. The omens are not particularly auspicious.

First the coming year will almost cer-tainly see a general election. This will be unsettling because the City is by no means agreed that a change of government now is desirable. The assue of pay policy in 1978-79 is going to be a central one for the market. It is evidently going to be even harder to achieve a further year of wage restraint than it has been in 1977, and doubts are widely felt about whether a Conservative Government could obtain the necessary cooperation. In the meantime there is always the question of whether preelection politics will dictate a give-away budget of unwelcome proportions.

The other worries are of a more wide-spread economic nature, the basis being that worldwide growth will continue to be sluggish and that even such momentum as here is-chiefly in the United States-willhe petering out as the year progresses. The mood towards greater international protectionism, already tentatively apparent, could well strengthen at that stage, with profoundly adverse effects upon many of the blue chip multinationals which are so important a factor in the equity market.

This will mean a further year in the wilderness for overseas-oriented stocks which will, in any case, suffer from the strength of the pound—assuming it holds present levels—and inflation which, although falling, will still be higher than that of many of Britain's leading competitude.

For companies operating primarily in Britain the outlook is by no means so dis-turbing, and corporate profits growth overall should exceed the rate of inflation. Rising real wages will mean increased consumer spending, and retailers who have heen running down stocks in the second half of this year will have to begin building them up again. In due course this should feed back to suppliers of capital goods.

But there is almost no chance of this being achieved without an upturn in interest rates, and it is here that the chief worries for equities resides. In the short-term, interest rates could still come down. The money supply is more tightly under control than seemed likely two months ago, the nound continues strong, there is greater crimism about wages and there is a real chance that Minimum Lending Rate could fall by a notch early in the New Year. Longer rates could fall much more, and a rood rally for gilts should mean a strong. rarly showing for equities, especially since institutions have recently been building up their year-end liquidity and may therefore be in more of a spending mood.

Whether or not there is a rally of

sufficient proportions to penetrate the 549 high on the FT Index, however, it seems certain that at some point in 1978 the build un of economic momentum will edge rates higher, and as gilts run out of steam equities seem likely to follow suit. During the entumn we recommended some lightering of equity portfolios, and any run-up in the equity market in the coming weeks should therefore be taken as an opportunity to reduce holdings further.

Markets in 1977

Gilts lead the way

If the equity market is a barometer of expectations about the performance of the economy at large a year or eighteen months ahead, then 1977 must surely go down as the year when financial markets generally over reached themselves. For despite the fact that the economy has shown a considerable trunround from the respondency that prevailed a year ago in the wake of the International Monetary Fund visit, there has been little or no evidence of any real breakthrough on the problems of productivity in the produc tivity, low capital investment and so on that have beset the United Kingdom since the war even with North Sea oil revenues starting to come through to vincicate the show

of strength in the equity market.

Investors could hardly have wished for usual to the factors that have obsessed the gilt market in the past year—sterling, the money supply, the balance of payments—rather than dwelling on the more familiar indicators of the health of the corporate sector. Such issues as industrial production, wage settlements and the like have tended only to loom large, for instance during the autumn, when the outlook for interest rates was seen to be increasingly cloudy and gilts, too, were going significantly weaker. But while the key to the marker's recent downswing from a September high of 549.2 to a November low of 457 lay in growing worries about interest rates, equities have been seriously unsettled by the deteriorating

trend in corporate profitability. Meanwhile, the extraordinary showing of the gilt market—up by almost 30 per cent during the year with individual stocks rising by as much as a half—is almost entirely due to the light that has begun to shine at the end of the economic tunnel, and in particular the growing conviction during the year that the Government would not, allow anything to upset its monetary targets. As it is, the government has had to keep gilt sales moving briskly ahead to avoid losing control of the exchange rate by keeping an upprecedently steep yield curve for most of the year.

Sector performance

Emphasis shifts to the UK

For maximum benefit from 1977's 36 per cent rise in the FT Index the year's most perceptive investor would have been at his most active around May or June. That would have been the point at which he would have sported the tide turning away from the exporting manufacturers to the United Kingdom-orientated companies with the emphasis

on retailing.

The switch in sentiment has been so pro nounced that as our table shows, the year has ended with no less than seven out of the top ten equity sectors having home con-sumer spending links.

The market has thus reached the third stage of a cycle that began in 1976 when pessimism about the domestic economy led to sectors with large overseas assets and earnings being favoured. The fell in the

SECTORS							
Best performers change	%	Worst performe	TE .				
Shipbuilding	+175	Wires and ropes	+0.4				
	+162	Mines	+3				
Mail order	$+124^{\circ}$	Tobacco	+11				
Hire purchase	+118	Chemicals	+12				
	+106	Oils	+13				
Radio and TV rent	al						
	+105	Figor coverings Engineering holding	+15				
Furnishing stores Domestic appliance	+100	Cos	+19				
	+99	Shipping	+19				
Motor distributors	+97	Quarry products	+19				
Footwear	+96	Special steels	+28				

pound began the second stage with a switch to exporters and the subsequent strength of sterling has heralded the third stage with its United Kingdom emphasis.

This tendency has been reinforced by mass of inter-related factors : the firm belief in a 1978 consumer boom fuelled by higher disposable incomes; the relative strength of the United Kingdom against the background of a slack world economy; the promise of a North Sea oil-assisted balance of payments surplus; and the precipitous fall in interest

This last element has lately fed through into the property sector, though, as with the takeover inspired strength of investment trusts, the run has come too late to push them into the top ten.

The investment message from all this is by no means simple, though it seems fair to argue from the overwhelming prevalence of consumer-related sectors at the top that the swing may have gone its full course.

At the other end of the scale there seem to be few bright spots in 1978 for those among the worst performing sectors which have particular dependence on the level of world trade. More promising, however, is the outlook for some financial companies, notably banks, which until recently have been among the worst performers but are now picking up on hopes of higher interest

Economic notebook

It doesn't necessarily follow ...

can make it economic policy is that he will "balance the that he will "balance the budget". President Carter, whose first 11 months in the White House have been an interesting mixture of caution and commitment to growth, says that he will achieve this terget by 1981. Few other governments would set themselves such a task at

present. The past few years seen a remarkedble transformation of public sector finance, which most of us still find difficult to fit into our trame of thinking.

The size of government

deficits has grown enormously. both in absolute terms and as a proportion of gross national traditional economists of what might be called the Keynesian or neo-Keynesian school seem to be advocating even larger deficits to stimulate demand.

The question which can reasonably be asked by anyone who is worried about the extent to which an increase in money supply fuels inflationary expectations is whether such an increase in making the such as in the such crease in public sector deficit can be supported without money supply getting out of

control.

This is not a specifically British problem, though our intense parochialism tends to make us look on it as such. In fact, there have been sharp increases in the size of the public sector deficit in all major western countries since the recession became severe.

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In none of these countries is
the link between increases in
the public sector deficit and
uncontrolled growth of the
money supply even remotely
established.

Worries about the size of the
public sector deficit really boil
down to one of two problems.
Either the increase in public
borrowing will "crowd out"
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borrowing in difficult or impossible for companies to
bortow in the financial markets
and leading to a reduction in
private sector activity; or there
will be no crowding out in the
short term because governments will be no crowding out in the short term because governments will simply print money to cover their deficits, thus leading to inflation.

A recent study by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development* ought to be required reading for

to be required reading for any-one wanting to debate these issues. It shows in aggregate terms what anecdotal evidence terns what anecdotal evidence in recent years has made very plain in the United Kingdom; that what has been lacking in financial markets is not the potential supply of funds for companies, but the demand. It is this that explains the fact that in most evidence a

fact that in most countries a sharp increase in the propor-tion of credit market funds-raised outside the financial sector was accommodated in 1975 and 1976 without a simi-lar increase in the level of interest rates. Indeed, interest rates remained in real terms either very low or negative at that time in most countries.

Exceptions

There were exceptious, of course, such as the financial crisis of 1976 in the United Kingdom, when minimum lending rate had to be raised to 15 per cent. The striking thing about this experience in rerrospect is how hard it is to explain in terms of underlying forces.

During the late summer of 1976 and the early autumn the private sector of the economy was slowing down and the actual level of public borrowing was turning out to be much lower than any previously with the property of the lower than any previously-pub-lished forecast. The fact that inaccurate assessments prepared within the Treasury and outside it caused fears that money supply would get out of control. is more a comment on the mar-kets than on the real impact of

Perhaps the most surrective is not the real level of govern-promise which any politician ment borrowing but what ment borrowing but what people think the level of gov-

ernment borrowing will be.
This is not to say that
"crowding out" cannot occur,
because clearly it can—in circumstances where both the goveroment is trying to run a large deficit and the corporate sector is trying to borrow large sums for its investment programmes. Such a pattern of events has not happened in the past few years, however, and it looks a fairly remote possibility in the

years to come.
One reason for this is that
the circumstances which produce deficits for the government will automatically tend to reduce investment by com-panies. The public sector deficits of recent years are in part the product of automatic changes caused by recession, such as the fall in tax revenue and the increased outlays on payments such as unemploy-ment benefits; and in part the deliberate introduction of pro-

the level of activity.

If these elements were removed, the "high employment" budget balance in many countries would be shown to be in surplus. So if investment rose and companies had to raise more funds there would be an automatic tendency for the public sector borrowing need to shrink, thus removing the tendency to crowd out. dency to crowd out.

grammes designed to maintain the level of activity.

dency to crowd out.

That, however, is an arroment about equilibrium in the
long run and, however convenient such arguments are as
a way of avoiding difficult
questions about what is happening now, it is not enough to
answer all legitimate doubts.

Doubts

These are that the low and fairly stable pattern of interest rates may have been bought at the price of expanding the money supply to accommodate the public sector deficits. Whether this expansion took the form of domestic credit creation or of inflows of money from abroad into the domestic monetary system would not matter to this argument: the important question is whether it has occurred in recent years ir has occurred in recent years and whether it is likely to

On this question, too, the evidence gives little cause for some of the more extreme consome of the more extreme con-cern which has been voiced. If very narrowly defined money, such as reserve money, is the worry, then the figures show that central banks have not in fact been assuming much of the burden of government debt-financing

rhancing.

Public sector deficits reached their highest level in 1975 and have been falling since, first under the influence of recovery and then under the impact of a rightening of government policies.

to a large extent in those years on central bank funds to fin-ence their government deficits and even these figures are disand even these figures are distorted by technical factors. The overwhelming majority of funds came either from commercial banks or the non-bank sector.

This, of course, affects the broad money supply. Yet even this measure grew more slowly in 1975, the year of the highest public sector deficits, than it did in 1972 when the deficits were far smaller.

were far smaller.
No one should think because of this that a government can finance any deficit, however large, without facing any problems at all on the money supply or interest rate front; but it does show that the link between government deficits and uncontrolled money explosion; is not

trolled money explosion is not as straightforward as some people would have us think. David Blake * Public sector indebtedness and government financing: OECD Economic Outlook, December

Industry still waits for the EEC benefits On new year's eve the transitional period of Britain's significantly." membership of the European Economic Community will end. For trade between the new trade between the new trade between the new and at the same time industrial with some norable exceptions inrolling companies which any-may were developing a strong European presence. If any-tions the Community has been more active in setting up salespreducing

member states (Britain, Den-mark, and Ireland) and the original partners the period of transition for custom duty purposes will be over for all goods from January I. Products origin-ating in one country, or goods from third countries placed in free circulation in one member state, will now be free to move throughout the Community without incurring any further

out incurring any further customs charges.

At the sare time Britain surrenders to Brussels powers to act against dumping of Industrial goods. The right to take certain forms of emergency economic action without consultation disappears, too. There are other provisions concerning the common agricultural policy which are also covered by the complex stages of accession.

For British Industry and services membership has been

services membership has been an overwhelming experience during the years of transition. Corporate lawyers and managers of all kinds have been plunged into examination of directives. of every shape and description.
There is one overriding impression. Entry into the Community has not galvanized our

munity has not galvanized our industry as many enthusiasts, including this author, had hoped. Years of recession have not provided the right environment for expansion within an enlarged market place.

Divergences between the economies of member states have been encerbated by the crisis rooted in the unfortunate rise in oil prices which coincided with enlargement of the Community.

Gaps in performance between

coincided with entargement of the Community.

Gaps in performance between various states are evident in rates of inflation which over the period 1974-77 have ranged from 25 per cent to over 100 per cent, and growth from less than 1 per cent to more than 10 per cent.

Unemployment has mounted steadily to around six million. If there was one major single advantage held out to industry as flowing from Community membership, it was in the matter of expanding trade. The facts are salutary. Analysis of our balance of trade with the Community shows a substantial deficit, even if the decline in Britain's share of European Community imports between 1963 and 1972 appears to have been partly arrested.

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However, in the first half of However, in the first half of this year the trade deficit, at £875m on a seasonally adjusted basis, was at the lowest level since the second half of 1973. Rurther, the value of exports from Britain to the Community, while a little under 87 per cent of imports, was the highest since the second half of 1971. The Confederation of British industry, which pressed hard for British entry, comments: Our trade balance suffered from the effects of the fall in sterling on the cost of imports Yet of the five countries studied by the OECD, only the United States and Japan relied first any corresponding improvement in exports, but these are

and at the same time industrial tariffs with European Free Trade Association (Efta) countries were ended.

Erman.

Not all is gloomy. Britain has

gained from the regional derel-

coment fund and the European

Investment Bank, the latter now about to add to its support for

public sector developments by broking private enterprise in-restment schemes under a

Britain's share of the develop-

ment fund indicates a net gain, after the double bookkeeping of paying in and taking out. Europe has locked benevolently

on our state aids for sectoral modernization under the indus-

rrial strategy, and even, if hor-rified, allowed the Polish ship-building deal,

Other gains are the active involvement of once sceptical

employment and social policy. Recognition of the problems of

youth unemployment and a bat-tery of support schemes for

alleriating unemployment have

What is clear is that the final

resulted.

largely British initiative.

As the transitional period of Eritain's membership of the European Community comes to an end Maurice Corina examines the impact

on trade and industry and Hugh Clayton (below) considers the effect on agriculture Other aspects will be considered tomorrow

Thus the Community has be-come the largest free trade area in the world, with links outside through bi-lateral and

multi-lateral trade deals.

The competition in a free market place is formidable. A slood of continental cars into Britain is but one example of a failure to counter with a cor-responding expansion of sales of United Kingdom made vehicles, even though below the surface British component sup-pliers are making real gains in

pliers are making real gains in the motor industry.

** Part of the difficulty may be that we were kept out of the Community for many years as a deliberate act of policy, and it is therefore not surprising that we should beve started at a disadvantage, argues Mr Edmund Dell, Secretary of State for Trade, who believes that in trade policy terms membership has been of great bership has been of great dvantage.

Quite what success there has been in trade policy is diffi-cult for observers to discern. In the textile and steel indus-tries coordinated talks and studies have dragged on and on though the recent decisions in Brussels on the Multi-Fibre Agreement and on a minimum price for steel imports parhaps demonstrate the benefits of Community-wide consultations. As far as investment is con-cerned, there has been no dynamic surge in British devel-opment in Community markets:

What is clear is that the final year of transition has been a disappointing one. The gross domestic product in the Community will probably have risen, only 21 per cent in real terms easing 4.7 per cent in 1976. Fighting inflation and dealing with external payments problems have been a necessary preaccupation of each partner. Next year, something like a 4 to 41 per cent growth in real gross domestic product will be gress domestic product will be needed by the Community to ease unemployment. It recuires the partners to "hang to-gether", believing that the mutually agreed economic policies will help each other along until there is a resur-

gence in world demand.

The ability to have toomer is about to be tested in terms of industrial policy. The hard liot of the steel crisis is as a test of Europe's ability to act a test of Europe's collect to are decisively as any other single problem. Harmonization of tavation, free competition requictions, guidelines on emnloyment policy, and all the rest, from promoting common rechanges to aliminating observed. nology to eliminating obstacles to investment; yield piles of documentation in which can be found examples of progress or stagnant negotiation.

Transition may be over, but Britain has ver to seize the ad-vantages which were promised. With North Sea resources now available, the next five years should see a strong and more confident United Kingdom industry able to afford the structural changes so frequently pressed upon it from Brussels and elsewhere.

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Farm policy: clearing a way through the undergrowth

tend to agriculture and trade in agricultural products." The three countries that joined the EFC in 1973 were given five years to match their farm price structures and the national hodies that administered them to the demands of the treaty and to the common agricultural religion. policy.
The policy does not yet apply

to all produce though. It applies to some foods in limited applies to spine boos in finites ways in some parts of the Community and the harmonization of food law that accompanies its development has been interrupted by a patchwork of national concessions and special defere

As a result the effects of transition, which are themselves the result of a deviation from the letter of the policy, are hard to secarate from everything else. If the policy was a seamless garment of the type required by the treaty, transition would be visible as an orderly transition from orderly progression from national idiosympracies to EEC uniformity.

innormity.

Inflation in the mid-1970s and
the strains imposed on agriculture by the lack of a Community
money policy put paid to that.

Confusion.

transition itself-has been stag-gered and modified. For example, British prices of sugar-beet have long been advanced to full EEC levels, while cheese still has to travel to the end of the transitional road. The monetary aspect of the impact of the end of transition

on British food is predictably the centre of the deepest con-fusion of all. Transition is supposed to have been orderly advance from 1973 to 1978 towards full EEC prices. Part of the rises that will be felt next year on some foods will be directly antibutable to

amounts" which do a similar job, but only as far as trade has been distorted by the existence of lower prices in

Britain during transition.

Understanding of the impact of transition has always been clouded in Britain by the simultaneous presence of these two mechanisms which kept farm prices down in this country. It has been especially galling for farmers since it has led to a subconscious assumption, which has spread as far as the House of Commons, that the agonies which British agriculture has endured from the ture has endured from the green pound will somehow cesse at the end of 1977,

The responsibility of the nation at the end of transition does not go beyond the alignment of its prices and pricing institutions with the free intra-Community trade demands of the common agricultural policy. there have been several changes in Britain, such as metrication, during the five years since accession that look as if they are connected with but are not.

The foods which are affected by the final transitional step on new year's eve are beef, butter, milk, cheese, cereals and some fruit and vegetables. The effect on beef will be thinged on the step of diluted, since Britain is the only EEC country to use premium payments to farmers to sidestep the Community's system of intervention prices and storage. The aim of that is to keep the British share of the beef "mountain" as small as possible.

Transition has operated as a series of upward steps in the support prices of particular foods. Since in Britzin the EEC system is used only as a subsidiary support for beef, the effect of transition on beef here is reduced accordingly. The European Commission puts it at a rise of 4 per cent in inter-vention prices, equivalent to an extra 2p a pound in shops where few cuts of beef now cost less than 75p a pound and nost cost much more.

Butter and cheese are due to rise, but the effect on them will be complicated by the presence of large stocks accumulated at old prices while butter carries a Community-financed subsidy, the size of which is to be renegociated in the spring.
The effect of the final tran-

stional step on cereals-based products is likely in be small since market prices are mainly compensation above support prices.

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vegetables will and on new year's day, but the change will make little difference to prices. The impact of the last transitional step on potatoes will be much more complicated, since growers in this country are protected by the Potato Marketing Board which influences the area grown and administers the defi-ciency payment scheme. Those controls, which are meant to stabilize supplies, are supported by rigid government curbs on imports of maincrop postatoes.

Although the common agri-cultural policy has not yet been extended to cover the pricing and marketing of potatoes, the Community will not tolerate national measures that preju-dice free trade in farm pro-duce. Farmers have known since Britain joined the EEC that the porato marketing that the porato marketing scheme would have to change.
Farmers' unions, the Potato Marketing Board and the Seed Potato Marketing Board for Northern Ireland have proposed a new system in which guaranteed prices fixed by ministers are replaced by contracts between growers and the Potato Marketing Board.

Momentous

The effect of the end of transition on milk is much more complex, wide ranging and politically sensitive. It also is the most momentous of all for farmers. Milk in Britain is disratmers, Milk in Britain is dis-ributed by five marketing-boards which buy from all farmers at a price fixed by ministers. That price fixing will not be allowed after transition. Mr Silkin, Minister of Agri-

culture, Fisheries and Food, said early this month: "There are quite a lot of farmers who do not understand that the guarantee arrangements end on December 31. I must make itclear that with the ending of the guarantee arrangements ministers will no longer be fixing the precise level of producer returns. What producers get will

depend on what prices the boards actually manage to obtain from the liquid and manufacturing mak markets." The preservation of marketing boards has been the most-hotly-debated issue arising from the end of transition which has been debated by farmers this year. The most passionate advocates of British member-ship of the EEC have been equally passionate in opposing abolition of the milk marketing

scheme and the boards.

Brussels, having arknowledged the value of the boards, has found a way to preserve their most important functions while keeping faith with the

What has been most striking is the way equities have paid even closer attention than government actions. Econo It suggests that what matters 1977: Business Diary: Mole wrench • I'm Gaetano, fly me

If you are looking for some thing unusual in the new year sales the Department of the Environment may have the very

Despite rumblings In favour of reviving the Channel Tunnel scheme, it is increasing its efforts to sell the 500-ton boring machine bought specially for it —one careful owner (the Department of Transport); virtually unused (a short period of jesting after the tunnel pro-ject was officially abandoned almost three years ago); may be riewed (still underground be neath the White Cliffs of Dover); cost £500,000 (offers considered).
The machine—known in the

industry as a mole-has been on offer for several months, a department spokesman said yesterday. A few inquiries from construction companies came to nothing. Now advertisements are being placed in the trade press. The spokesman admitted that

the mole and been acquired specifically for the Channel Tunnel job and could have limited application elsewhere. Make a great conversation riece, though, wouldn't it?

🖪 Gaetano Stammati, the Italian treasury minister, had to "get a lorn to get a loan". This is the basis of a story going the rounds in Rome after reports of a weekend visit he paid to the United States from November 12 to 14 over a \$500m credit by a group of American banks headed by Chemical Bank

of New York. The Italian government, as is often its practice, decided in the middle of the night that Stammati should go and he had to leave at about six in the morning. But he met a little problem in buying his ticket, for, the story goes, the airline demanded cash.

emanded cash.

The treasury itself was, of course, shut at that hour of the morning and there were no departmental officials at hand. Eventually, a member of the minister's staff hir on the idea of waking up his mother, who kept a fair amount of cash at home and she advanced the necessary one million lire (about £550).

Unfortunately, the wheels of bureaucracy grind more slowly than those of motherhood and the poor lady is apparently still waiting for her money back. The treasury does not deny the story, but it declines to provide more details about what an official said was, after all, just a family matter.

The spending power of the executive secretary is revealed in the findings of a survey of business travel habits published in the current edition of the magazine International Management.

Asked who actually specifies the airline on which they fly, 20 per cent of the respondents said that it was their secretaries, compared with 18 per cent who used a travel agency and 16 per cent the company travel office. But by far the biggest proportion—47 per cent—make the choice themselves.

The magazine then went on to ask with which airline the executives preferred to fly around Europe. Lufthausa came out top with 27 per cent, Swissair next with 23 per cent and KLM third with 16 per cent. Our own British Airways rated came well down the list—in fourth, with 15 per cent. whichever country the questions Patriotism does not count were posed.



National Westminster Bank will ("Slim" to his friends) is stepping down as regional director for the City, as is Henry Excell be 735 pounds short from the end of this week. Not, I hasten (left), a general manager in the rapidly expanding international to add, because of any mishap, but because of the retirement

All three comfortably top 13 stone on the scales although, like the NatWest annual accounts, they are a little sky of disclosing individual contributions to the total. of three top executives.

Alex Dibbs (centre in our photograph), generally credited with the bank's expansion in the 1970s after the tripartite merger in 1968, is moving away from the kurly-burly of the chief executive's job to be characteristic denuts become Jeff Benson, Dibbs's successor, is also large enough to make himself unpopular in a non-executive deputy chair-man. David Letson (right)

These were the reasons for choosing an arrine. What makes very high as a reason for choosing an airline. Convenience of the customers go elsewhere Delays and waiting around flight schedules was given as the main reason, followed by easily came first among the businessman's hates, with bagprevious experience of in-flight gage handling second and checkservice with a particular carrier. problems third.
Once zirborne, the biggest The fact that it was the national airline of the country grouse is over seating, followed by complaints about cabin staff

Few governments can justifiably boast that they have had a successful year of economic policy-making, although that is not preventing most from doing just that. The Prench premier, Raymond Barre, however, had one of the least flattering balance sheets of all.

Fifreen months after he launched his Barre plan to stop French inflation he could indeed claim that the rate of price increases had declined a trifle but only because he had cut sales tax. Without that gimmick prices would have risen by 10.6 per cent—more than in Business has slowed and un-

employment has risen, none of it much of a result for a profes-Barre's name survives French history, it is likely to be given to a new-stape crois-scatt: when he pegged the price of the old croissant, bakers simply made a new one called a Barre and sold it at the When he pegged the price of

the pain ou chocolat (choco-late-filled bon), the bakers brought it out under the name "a Brazilian ", at the customary When the professor comes to reedit his widely read textbook of economics, he should at least

substitution and product diversification. We have it on the highest authority that a nickname has at last been found at British Leyland for the new chairman, Michael Edwardes who recently came in from the car battery manufacturer, Chloride Group. It is "Tarchy, the Battery Bog".

One result of the dislocation that flowed from the oil crisis and the industrial recession which followed it is that even

Nevertheless, no British far-mer will admit that what he will

receive in January after the last transitional step will be full REC prices. On the contrary, he will say, thanks to the manipula-tion of the "green pound" by the British Government his prices are more remote from full EEC levels than those of any other member state. Transition will not abolish the green pound nor the monetary compensation amounts used to iron out the distortions it causes in intra-Community trade. All that will go will be the much smaller

will not be so simple. Tariffs much smaller on intra-Community trade in compensatory some fruit and some salad

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The cost of consumer protection and prices

From Mr Sidney Weinberg 1,000 paper fasteners at, say, Sir, While many aspects of coursumer protection are admirable, very great care must be taken demands 100 per cent good From Mr Sidney Weinberg very great care must be taken to ensure that the end results should not automatically include money, let us pray if will result a price rise, for this may not in replacement and not a frantic need to be inevitable.

If a manufacturer can be armed to see that the target of "right first time" is fully understood by all his staff, from car would love it to be a Rolls-designers onwards and will re.

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designers onwards, and will re-sult in lower unit production costs, that is, by minimizing many costs of so-called quality/ corrective activities—well and

good.

But if an economic level of production and quality surveil.
Lince results in a small proportion of defective work it is often better to publicize and adopt a policy of no-cost-to-the-custo-mer tenderment than the product of the production of the custo-mer tenderment than the product of the production and production of the totally well-meaning; it is hoped that intended legislation, superficially benign, will be structured by those long experienced in the totally well-meaning; it is hoped that intended legislation, superficially benign, will be structured by those long experienced in the totally well-meaning; it is hoped that intended legislation, superficially benign, will be structured by those long experienced in the totally well-meaning; it is hoped that intended legislation, superficially benign, will be structured by those long experienced in the field.

So WEINBERG mer replacement than to be pressurized up to an unecono-mic level of excellence. Sussex, BN3 6QE. If the purchaser of a box of December 21.

Discrimination From Ms Felicity Green

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sir, Having recently joined the world of international business commuters; I shall from now on be sampling the delights of long-distance air travel and thus hope to fly Concorde whenever and wherever possible. However, speed and convenience apart, I have one serious social complaint to make to British Airways about the conduct and Royce but would object to legis-lation which forced it to be a motivation of its departure lounge staff. Rolls Royce accompanied by the inevitable new price. Consumerism has many pitfalls for

Can it be that British Airways is quietly practising sexual segregation? Surely not Not only is it against the law, it's boring and old-fashioned.

I am led into asking this

question by the circumstances of in-flight BA170 from New York on Saturday, December 10. As far as I could judge, there was a full complement of male passengers and two lone ladies. Why was I denied the stimulus of talking my way across the Atlantic with any member of the opposite sex, many of whom, in this case, I happened to know personally? Was it coincidence or was it a deliberate act of delicacy and absurdity on the part of the British Airways staff handing out the seat allocation?

I may never know, but I must assure British Airways that the exclusive band of females lucky enough to travel Concorde are really not the same species as those who might well deplore the demise of the "ladies only" compartments on British Rail.

I'm not a sex maniac, merely an integrated member of the travelless of the travelless of the part of the travelless of the part of the travelless of the passent of t York on Saturday, December

an integrated member of the travelling public who wishes to remain so. More so. FELICITY GREEN, Managing Director, Vidal Sassoon, S6/58 Brook Street, London W1Y 1YB.

Magic wand help for industry

actually to encourage people December 19.

From Mr J. W. Phillips

Sir. Hurrath for the latest taxing them so much and magic wand—increased ipvestment in manufacturing industry! To assist in waving it Mr Mills and his TUC friends (The Times, December 16) will be needed in the 1970s; But don't let wave the divergence of the marks are size to work and invest by not taxing them so much and make sure that their education systems produce a better mix of people with the skills needed in the 1970s; But don't let wave are size in the marks are size in the same are size in the marks. Mr Whitehall. Always good for divide it up. lots of tricks, even if the Yours faithfully, quality can't be relied on. A couple more supersonic magic carpers will soon put us back ahead of the crafty. Japanese and Germans, Those were rotten tricks of theirs

happy to divert our pension let us worry, even if the magic fund savings for "investment wand fails, maybe there'll be into areas which might otherwise not be pursued". And who lamp to give us a tiny glimpse can we expect to wave the of the treasure and we can have wand? That splendid magician such fun in debating how to J. W. PHILLIPS, Ash Hall, Ystradower

S. WEINBERG,

Tongdeso Road

Assessing global oil resources

From the Secretary-General of the World Energy Conference.

Sir, On my return from abroad, the letters of October 24 under the title of "Assessing future oil resources" from Professor Odeli and the reply on "Oil reserves" of October 27 from Mr K. R. Williams were brought to my notice.

A hasty reading of these letters might leave the reader with a confused notion of the conclusions of the report presented this September in Istanbul as the World Energy Conference. As the ropic is no less

sented this September in Isran-bul at the World Energy Con-ference. As the topic is no less relevant now than in October, I should like to state the find-ings of the report which was prepared at the request of the World Energy Conference by Mr Pierre Desprairies, chair-man of the board of administra-tion of the Institut Français du tion of the Institut Français du

The report was based on a Delphi-type poll which provided answers from leading world oil experts both in private and public service and from major oil companies, to discover whether there existed a conver-gent view on ultimate global oil resources. These experts were encouraged to be completely frank by the assurance that replies would not be attributed to their source. Professor Odeli

was among those who agreed to participate in the inquiry. The results of the poll showed The results of the poll showed that such a convergence exists when precise definitions are used, namely "ultimate recoverable resources of conventional oil within the limit of a technical production cost gradually increasing to \$20—in 1976 dollars—per barrel in the year 2000." The average figure 2000". The average figure given by the 29 experts con-

first necessary to ensure that faced before 1990. the definitions are tlearly Consequently,

Over and beyond the 250 to 300 GT of conventional oil making up the main subject of the World Energy Conference survey, there are indeed quite probably 390 to 600 GT of unprobably 390 to 600 GT of unconventional oil to be found at very great sea depths, in tar sands and oil shales, or producible by enhanced recovery; but the investment cost to produce them is three or four times that of conventional oil, the production cost of each barrel is of the same order and technology for producing them is still generally imperfect.

Therefore, the two categories of oil (conventional and uncon-

suked was 250,000 million tonnes (250 x 10° T = 250 GT, that is gigatennes).

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Yours faithfully,
E. RUITILEY,
Secretary-General,

Secretary General, World Energy Conference, 34 Sr James Street, 34 Sr James Street, London SWIA 1HD.

Business appointments

Dickinson Robinson Group has new chief

Mr John S. Camm is succeeding Mr T. Lloyd Robinson, as chairman and chief executive of the Dickinson Robinson Group. Mr Lloyd Robinson retires at the end of the year and becomes an honorary vice-president.

Mr Denis Lanigan is to be group

'Mc-president.'

'Mr Denis Lanigan is to be group chairman of J. Walter Thompson in succession to Dr. John Treasure. Mr Lanigan remains executive vice-president responsible for JWI offices in Europe.

'Mr A. D. Martin, chairman of Martin, Black (Wire Ropes) and Speedwell Wire, and Mr. John Goodlet, a director of both companies, retire from both boards, Mr G. A. Black and Mr A. Johnston, joint managing directors of the two companies, become non-executive directors. Mr James Kennedy and Mr James Graham, directors of Stortish Wire Rope, become managing director and a director respectively of Martin, Black (Wire Ropes) and Mr James Gillespie join that board. Mr John McVey and Mr S. H. Weir rosign from the board of Martin, Black (Wire Ropes), Mr McVey is to become a director of the parent company and Mr Weir managing director of Speedwell Wire. Mr R. Davidson becomes a director of Speedwell Wire. Mr R. Davidson becomes a director of Martin Black Limited. Mr Black and Mr Johnston continue as group managing directors and are and Mr Johnston continue as group managing directors and are also, appointed to the board of

SWR.

Mr Mike Rosser is being appointed to the board of Mettoy.

Mr M. D. 'Knight has been made secretary of The Thomson Organisation from January 1, in succession to Mr January 1, in su

ted to the board of Consolidated Plantations.

Mr G, A. Smith, has joined the board of Dawson International as group technical director.

Mr Bill Gregg becomes managing director of Plastic Coating Systems, succeeding Dr Gordon Barrett.

Mr A. R. Woodward has joined the board of Luxfer Holdings as technical director.

Mr Peter Robinson has been appointed director of F. S. Assurance.

Mr C. G. Bird becomes deputy managing director of Alexander Howden Insurance Brokers from Jamusry I, Mr M. Henthorn has been made a director of Alexander Howden (Isle of Man). Mr Eric Wood has been made managing director of Barratt Developments (Eastern). Mr Michael Smithwick becomes managing director of Sparklets International BOC.

costs are reasonably expected to be more than covered by related

future revenues.

Finally, development costs
can be deferred at the option
of the company concerned when

adequate resources exist, or are

reasonably expected to be avail-

able, to enable the project to be completed and to provide any consequential increases in

The standard, however, requires that any carry forward should be reviewed at the end

of each accounting period and that it should be disclosed in

working capital.

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

Strong support for gold shares

the attendance was only about two thirds of normal same of the "blue chip" issues closed with double-figure gains. The demand, though thin, spread to a wide range of second-line issues, many of which felt the benefit of the annual "share

tipping season".
Gold shares proved a particularly strong feature as a good rise in the metal price inspired "hedge" buying against the problems of the dollar. The abolition of the 25 per cea: serrender rule on the dollar premium also stirred

The travel brochure and TV holiday advertising season is about to swing into its stride. The only pure way into package holidays is through Horizon Midlands whose shares rose 5p the 70p yesterday. A week ago they were 58p. This year turned out to be much better than expected at one time in the travel trade, and the signs for 1978 suggest an outstanding war. Figures for the year to November 30 due soon will only be a foretaste.

The FT Index, 5.4 up at 3 pm, ended at 490.4, a net rise of 6.7.

The OECD forecast, a strong performance from sterling and the prospect of lower interest rates in the new year sporred the long end of the gilt market where closing gains were around balf a point after three quarrers at one stage. quarters at one stage. Short dates were comparatively neglected but still managed to edge ahead by an

With sentiment given a lift by the OECD's optimistic fore-casts on Britain's inflation rate and balance of payments over the next few months equities staged a strong resumption after the Christmas break.

Though dealers estimated that the attendance was only about two thirds of normal some of the attendance was only about two thirds of normal some of the while attendance was only about two thirds of normal some of the while chief attendance was only about two thirds of normal some of the while chief attendance was only about two thirds of normal some of the while chief attendance was only about two thirds of normal some of the while chief attendance was only about two thirds of normal some of the while chief attendance was only about two thirds of normal some of the while chief attendance was only about the wasted wasted by Glaso which ended with an impression of the wasted wasted by Glaso which ended with an impression of the wasted wasted by Glaso which ended with an impression of the wasted wasted by Glaso which ended with an impression of the wasted wasted by Glaso which ended with an impression of the wasted wasted by Glaso which ended with an impression of the wasted wasted by Glaso which ended with an impression of the wasted wasted by Glaso which ended with an impression of the wasted wasted wasted wasted by Glaso which ended with an impression of the wasted wasted wasted wasted with an impression of the wasted wasted wasted wasted with an impression of the wasted wasted wasted wasted wasted with an impression of the wasted wasted wasted wasted with a manufactor of the wasted wasted wasted wasted wasted wasted wasted wasted wasted w

Earlier doubts about retail sales were replaced by a more bullish sentiment in the stores sector after reports of a good Christmas period. Those to benefit most were Boots which rose 6p to 231p, Burton ordinary, where the gain was 5p to 125p, Debenhams which went ahead 3p to 101p and Marks & Spencer which was a similar amount to the good at 165p.

After Friday's strong gain which followed news of the Heron stake sale profit takers were at work in Henlys which closed 11p lower at 125p, more tiosed Trp lower at 123p, more than eliminating the earlier rise. Further consideration of Distillers response to the EEC ruling on prices had the shares a couple of pence to the good at 182p while news of a £40m City offices deal had Trafalgar House 5p to the good at 161p.

5p to the good at 161p. Pending a takeover announce-ment Newman Granger rose 2p to 36p before being suspended. In plantations reorganisation plans had Plantation Holdings 12p better at 41 p while Assam Frontier lost 10p to 370p of Friday's takeover inspired

surge.

The strength of the pound and the consequent benefit for

where the rise was 12p to 690p. News of a £5m expansion plan had Portals a couple of pence better at 233p.

Investment demand spurred by favourable comment lifted Stanley Gibbons 10p to 180p, with others to benefit from com-ment being Christies International, up 3p to 78p, and Channel Tunnel where the gain was 5p to 58p.

The prospect of a cut in mortgage rates in the New Year boosted housebuilders Barratt Developments 4p to 113p and Rush & Tompkins 7p to 104p. Elsewhere in the sector A. J. Mucklow was a firm spot, gaining 5p to 110p, while the best of a strong timber sector were international Timber, up 3p to 120p, and John Carr (Doncaster) which jumped 7p to 89p with the help of some favourable comment. able comment

In oils falling profits in its chemical division brought a late fall to BP which ended with a net loss of 2p to 862p. Shell were similarly lower at 536p. A long list of issues to jump on speculative demand included

the way cheed was led by Glaxo which ended with an impressive gain of 17p to 607p. Fol-lowing not for behind was Beecham, which ended 10p to the good at 69p, and Fisons where the rise was 8p to 388p. ICI closed at a more subdued 360p, a net rise of 360p.

Staffer International at 17p is no more then a straight gamble on recovery, or a bid when the Jurmen retires. Textile recession has my profits through the chredder and in November the eroup pessed the interim. But as recently as 1976 profits were a record 122m and the shares present market value is only 12.55m. One or two manage-ment changes have already free made. The gamble could

Though generally subdued the prospect of cheaper money in the New Year inspired a sporadic demand for property shares. Among the best were Land Securities, up 6p to 224p, Equity turnsver on December 22 was £31,50 (6.274 bargains). on speculative demand included Grent Chemical, up 13p to 198p, R. H. Cole 13p to 123p, Avon Rubber 6p to 197p, Hunting Associated 7p to 212p, Dent 22 mos 231.50 (6.274 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph, were Deccham, BP, BOC, ICI, Marks & Spencer, Brent Chemical, GEC and Racal.

Latest results

where closing gains were around half a point after three quarters at one stage. Short dates were comparatively neglected but still managed to edge ahead by an eighth or so. Though below their best gold	Int or Fin fm Ailsa Inv (!) —(—) Babit Pressn (F) 1.08(—) Ldn & Brussels (1) —(—) Vangrd Tratee (I) —(—) Dividends in this table are shown on a gross basis.	. To estublish gross a	Earning per shar() 1.71()() I pence per multiply th
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General Mills' margins hold up

By Our Financial Staff By Our Financial Staff
General Mills, the American
conglomerate in food, toys and
travel is doing what it has
learnt to do well. It is growing
strongly. In the 13 weeks to
November 27 sales and earnings rose to new peaks and
margins are holding well
enough for earnings to grow as
fast as rurnover.
Sales climbed 16.4 per cent

Sales climbed 16.4 per cent to \$928.9m and earnings went shead by just 16.3 per cent to \$43.9m. Earnings a share duly advanced to 88 cents from 76 cents in the same weeks the year before.

The latest gains mean that in the first half of 1977-78 sales have risen by 13.9 per cent to \$1,693.1m. So earnings a share grew by 16.4 per cent to \$1.63. Mr E. Robert Kinney, chair-man, talks of General Mills

and frozen foods, restaurants, jewelry, clothing and furniture. Nor were the sales gains merely a reflection of inflation. Well over half came from growth in quantity. Recent investment pulled its weight. In consumer foods, Mr kinney reported that most of the group's major product lines showed renewed growth in deliveries following a pause in the face of soft retail grocery industry volume during the summer. This was reflected in the second quarter by a 5 per cent gain in package food volume and by volume increases in retail frozen seafoods and pizzs of better than 15 per cent. Only kinglish smack operations,

a diversified food, consumer product and service business.

The most important contributors to the first half year's gains were domestic package and frozen foods, restaurants, tions to first half growth. Operating profits of worldwide:

Nor were the sales gains traff, game and toy operations. craft, game and toy operations, which have enjoyed seven successive years of strong growth, grew more moderately but met grew more moderately but met programmed first half targets. General Mills' interests in

Europe include in foods and snacks, Smiths Food, Snakpak and Tudor Foods in the United Kingdom; Smiths Foods in Belgium and Holland, Bis-cuiterie Nantaise (France) and u 10 per cent share in Zuch Gruh H (Austria) and in GMB Proteins Limited. In toys, the group owns Denys Fisher and Palitoy (UK), General Mills GmbH (Germany), and the Meccano and Miro Groups

Malaysian plan for Plantation **Holdings**

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Plantation Holdings is considering with its advisers a reorganization of the capital structure. This would give shareholders the opportunity to obtain a direct interest in a company owning all the group's assets in Malaysia. It is intended that this com-

pany should be resident in Malaysia for tax and exchange control purposes, and that the reorganization should represent a further step in conformity with the guidelines laid down in the Malaysian Government's Economic Plan.

Discussions are at an early stage and it may therefore be tome time before the outcome l can be reported to shareholders

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Newman Granger shares suspended as price rises

A temporary halt to dealings in the shares of Newman Granger, a Nottingham-based precision engineer and car jack maker, has been granted at the company's request "pending publication of an announcement". Last week the group said that it has received a takeover approach which might lead to an offer, but the board did not know if the offer would be acceptable. The news pushed the group's shares up 6p to 32p, but by the time of the suspension yesterday, they stood 2p up on the day at 36p. This puts a price tag of £1.8m on the group.

In the year to July 31 the group's pre-tax profits slipped.

group's pre-tax profits slipped from a record £648,000 to £477,000, but the board continued with capital investment as a measure of its confidence. In November the chairman, Mr B. D. Granger, said that in spite of its increase in turnover, the group had found it impossible group had found it impossible to maintain its margins. But the board was stepping up its efforts to ensure that the set-back was only temporary, "especially if disruptions to production from external sources can be reduced".

Assoc Biscuits to buy US group

Associated Biscuit Manufacturers has signed heads of agreement expected to lead to the purchase of Salerno-Megowen Biscuit of Chicago. The proposed deal depends, among other things, on the negotiation and execution of mutually acceptable agreements, which should be completed by April, 1978. Further financial and other details will be sent to shareholders in due course. disrebolders in due course. At this time the exact price of the takeover is not being dis-closed but industry sources suggest a possible cash price of about £5m. Sales of the Salerno-Magowen business are currently running at more than £26m a

year. The takeover will give Associated control of its first nanufacturing operation in the United States.
"We have been looking for possible acquisition in the United States for some time,", said a group spokesman. "We will now build in this as a base in the United States."

Jacques Borel, Ahold in possible deal

Zaan Dam, Holland.—Ahold NV has begun talks with Jacques Borel International SA about taking over a number of roadside restaurants from the lossmaking French hotels group. Ahold said that the talks were at an early stage. Ahold is

chiefly engaged in food retail-ing. It has 12 roadside restaurants in Holland, two in Belgium, and one in West Ger-many. Borel, now raising 70m francs by a public issue, has forecast losses this year of more than 90m francs. Profits may respect in 1979.

Habit-Engineering back on course

Transformation has left Habit Engineers, the old Gloucester & Chektenham Greybounds group, as a public company incorporating a precision tool group Habit Diamond. Going public proved a demanding and time-consuming responsibility for the management.

Price increases came through later than expected and strikes at some customers reduced sales. This left profits for the year to September 30 at £112,000 against the £142,000 forecast at the time of the rights issue and placing in February. But the dividend rises from 1.3p to 2p.

Pechiney offshoot plunges into loss

Paris.—Produits Chimiques Ugine Kuhlmann (PCUK), part of the Pechiney Ugine Kuhlmann (PUK) Group, expects to report net losses of between 100 and 150m francs for 1977, Parking courses are stated to the product of the Pechiney sources said.
PCUK itself announced measures temporarily to close some colourant factories and continue its early retirement scheme. The company accounts for about 20 per cent of PUK group turnover,
PUK said that PCUK was
taking steps to meet the general

difficulties all chemical groups are facing because of poor economic conditions, particularly for colourants as a result of low activity in textiles and plastics.-Reuter.

Sime Darby now has Control of Kempas The Sime Darby group re-

cently bought a majority interest in Kempas (Malaysia), a company with large rubber and other plantation interests. Sime Darby's chief executive. Mr James Scott, says.
In recent weeks, Sime Darby reportedly bought 756,238
Kempas shares for \$1,4m, increasing its ownership from 48.15 per cent to 51.79 per cent. As a result of the increase,

four smaller companies closely associated with Sime Darby, and in which Kempas had shares, have become subsidiaries of Sime. They are Benta Plantations, Kempas Edible Oil, Taiping Consolidated and Lingui Development.-AP-DJ.

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Statement of the financial situation as at 30th June, 1977 ASSETS Cash & Banks.... 34.848.890.44 Banking subsidiary (Medium Term) 280,000,000,00 Loans to customers (bills)..... 354.644.910.55 Customers & sundry Debtors 3,421,082,60 2,516,025,324.79 Investment securities Transitory Accounts 11,314,917.05 Debentures redemption premium 50,926,787.99

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Allowing for dividends due to be received before the end of the year, the income from the investment portfolio of Compagnic Financière de Paris et des Pays-Bas for the financial year 1977 should be slightly up on the figure for 1976. This is due to an increase in dividends from the subsidiaries whose financial year and of 20th September 1977. ended on 30th September, 1977:

Other commitments received

 Omnium de Participations Financières et Industrielles de Paris et des Pays-Bas "OPFI-PARIBAS" showed a net profit of F.Frs. 61.7m and its dividend has been declared at F.Frs. 6.50 per share as against F.Frs. 6.40.

- The net profit of PARIBAS INTERNATIONAL amounted to F.Frs. 71.8m as against F.Frs. 59.3m and the dividend will be raised from F.Frs. 10 to F.Frs. 12. - "SOGEDIP" - Société de Gestion d'Intérêts Pétroliers -

closed its financial year with a net profit of F.Frs. 23.6m as against F.Frs. 21.2m and will distribute a dividend of F.Frs. 16 as against F.Frs. 12.

- OPB-PARIBAS, which raised its capital to F.Frs. 258.3m last November by the issue of 2.583.000 shares at F.Frs. 70, will also increase its dividend, from F.Frs. 6.50 to F.Frs. 7.

The net income from banking activities carried out by Compagnie Financière de Paris et des Pays-Bas will show a substantial increase. Although the gross figure seems to be close to that for the previous year, the payment of the whole of the issuing costs of the convertible bond loan issued in July 1976 led to an appreciable fall in net income from banking in

In these circumstances the net non-consolidated profit of Compagnic Financiere de Paris et des Pays-Bas for the financial year 1977 should show an increase on the preceding year, which amounted to F.Frs. 172.4m.

The Board of Directors decided last September to increase the share capital from F.Frs. 1,104,000,000 to P.Frs. 1,324,800,000 by capitalising reserves, and issuing one new share for every five shares held independent of the process of allotting these new shares which rank for dividends from 1st January, 1977 and which will therefore be entitled to the same dividend as the old shares, will begin on 22nd December, 1977.

Foundry's return to solvency

By Clifford Webb went into receivership in 1973, yesterday revived the flagging spirits of the depressed industry by announcing a complete

recovery.
The news could not have come at a better time. A further 30 foundries have been forced to close since the Government introduced its £40m aid scheme for the industry in August 1975. It has since been doubled to £80m but many more foundries are in serious trouble.

Stokes Castings, a private company incorporated in 1917 went into receivership with un-secured creditor liabilities of £141,000. Much of its trouble stemmed from the construction of a new foundry and the neces-sary financing against a back-ground of worsening trading

conditions. But the receiver nager, Mr Walter Moore. senior partner of Moore and Fletcher chartered accountants of Sheffield decided to try to trade Stokes out of its difficul-

Within three months be was making a profit and not one of the 170 employees lost his job. In April 1974, Mr Kenneth Rickhuss was recruited from H. H. Green and Russell, the Black Country ironfounders, to become Stokes new managing

director By July 1975 creditors bad received 40p in the £. Mr Rickbuss continued to reconstruct financial operations, with the result that in both the years ended March 31 1976, and 1977 he was able to show profits. Yesterday's announcement re-

ealed that the 60p balance has now been paid. Mr Rickhuss said: "In the depressed state of the iron foundry industry which has recently experienced some of the most difficult trading conditions it has ever known, the emer-gence of Stokes from receiver-ship must be unique."

R & D accounting rules tightened and the aggregate of such costs together with related produc-tion, selling and administrative

In a new accounting standard covering research and development, the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales has tightened its rules on the treatment of development expenditure and at the same time has relaxed some of the harsh conditions of an earlier exposure draft.

Whereas the Exposure Draft Number 14—accounting for research and development—had proposed that all R & D expenditure except where there is a clearly defined project, where the related spending is separately identifiable and the outcome of such a project can be development work carried out under contract for, and reimbursed by, third parties) a lobby of lead-

By Edward Townsend

A survey of 60 of Britain's

leading car dealers, published by ICC Business Ratio, shows

that total profits in the three years ending April 1977 increased by 54 per cent.

An analysis of profit margins,

however, reveals that the aver-

age for all the companies was only 2.1 per cent in 1974-75,

2 per cent the following year and just 2.3 per cent in 1976-77.

Average return on capital rose from 8.4 per cent in the first year to 10.4 per cent last

The report shows that the

total value of sales of the 60 companies increased by 40 per

In a new accounting standard some modifications. This could covering research and development, the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England

Car dealer profits rise 54pc over three years

half. Thirteen companies had a rise in sales of more than 25 per cent a year while 10 saw an increase of less than 10 per "It hardly needs saying that there was precious little prices are responsible for al-most all the sales growth ". the

car prices have almost doubled in the past four years and ICC comments: "In view of this it is perhaps surprising that the reaction of consumers has been so moderate. report says.

overseas sales by 31.5 pc Lucas Industries paid £40,000

Lucas boost

to employees with export-winning suggestions in 1977 and boosted their overseas sales by 31.5 per cent to reach £147.2m. The Birmingham-based automotive to aerospace group are one of 2,300 companies who have taken part in the national export year campaign organized by the British Overseas Trade Board. The board aimed to increase exports by 10 per cent but national results are now approximately 25 per cent above

last year. : Lucas believe that their "It does appear that a reabove-average success was due covery is taking place in terms to giving every subsidiary the of consumer expenditure but it is doubtful if it will reach the maximum freedom to organize its own export competitions,

cent in the three years with faster growth in the second same level as previously". Belgian plea for lower interest rates

Brussels, Dec 28.—The Belwhen marker conditions permit because the current cost of said the Belgian National Bank capital is slowing construction, had to raise interest rates temporarily corporate investment and prices to a price of the central bank. vate consumption, the central economic council, a government

advisory panel, said. The panel, which is composed and consumer representatives, said the Belgian National Bank had to raise interest rates tem-

raised bank rate twice, to 7 per

cent from 6 per cent on Decemgian authorities should reduce
interest rates for borrowers
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and consumer representatives,
Apart from defending the franc, the need of the Public authorities to borrow on money and capital markets kept Bel-gian interest rates relatively high, the council said.—Reuser.

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Briefly

Portals' £5m expansion plan for its

he Portals subsidiary of Porrals Holdings plans a £5m in-vestment plan for its banknote paper mill at Overton. Hamp-shire. The money will be spent over the next three years. Of the total, a comprehensive respent on a comprehensive re-building and expansion of the nulls finishing department. The bulk of the remaining £1m investment will be on new comer installations, capable of handling both financial data and process control information.

. These investments will en-able Portals to continue to offer the highest quality of paper and meet the changing needs and technologies of banknote priners at home and overseas.

EHILIPS ELECTRONIC Cash offer by Baring Brothers & Cosh offer by Baring Brothers & Co for Philips Electronic and Associated Industries for outstanding equity in Electronic Rentals as lapsed. Acceptances and share epiticates will be returned next reck.

TRUST AND AGENCY
North British and General Investment Trust offers accepted for 5.24m shares or 65.5 per cent and 26.5 per cent preference.

SCOTTISH AND UNIVERSAL
SCOTTISH and Universal Isyestmeans says offer to buy all 45,000
shares in Scottish Agricultural
Publishing now unconditional.
Acceptances 92.1 per cent of SAP.
Offer open until further notice. CITICORP

Citicorp Overseas Finance Corp NV of the Dutch Antilles plans to float 130 million Swiss Franc 15 year bond issue through banking consortium led by Union Bank of Switzerland, Subscription January 6-11; price, coupon to be pub-lished January 6. Bonds cannot be offerred to Americans abroad nor

Discourt houses returned from the Christmas holiday weedend to find credit in full supply. In fact, the Bank of England sold a small amount of Treasury Bills directly to the houses, but still left money in the system to carry forward to Tuesday.

Rates started up at 7-62 per cent, but came steadily down on the official forecast of a day of surplus credit. Closing balances in the secured market were taken at 5 per cent, while interbank money

Bank Base

Rates

ABN Bank 71%
Barclays Bank 71%
Consolidated Crdts 71%
First London Secs 71%
C. Hoare & Co. 77%

TSB 70% Williams and Glyn's 71%

7 day deposits on same of \$10,0001 and under 4 c. up to \$25,000 \$1270 over \$25,000 \$10.

CHARTER CONSOLIDATED

NOTICE TO HOLDERS OF SHARE WARRANTS TO BEARER

An interim dividend of 3.025p per share will be payable on or alter 9th January, 1972, to persons presenting Coupen No. 25 delached from share warrants to bearer. The dividend will corry a fax credit of 1.55833 per share Coupons, which must be left four clear days for e-amination, may be lodged any weekday (Saturday excepted) between 10 am, and 3 pm, at the Bearer Roception Office at this address, or at Credit Lynnais, 19 Soulevard des Rothschild, 21 Rue Laffille, 73098 Paris, Listing forms may be obtained on application.

40 Holbern Viaduct, London EC1P 1AJ 29th December, 1577

Lloyds Bank London Mercantile Midland Bank

New York, Det 28.—The market closed steady, overcoming moderate mid-session losses.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was unchanged at 829.70. It was down over four points at its low for the session.

Volume totalled 19.630.000 shares compared with 16,750,000 shares previous. Shares compared with 16,750,000 shares previous.

Some analyses viewed the latest United States trade figures constructively. The trade deficit in November fell sharply to an adjusted \$2,080m from a record \$3,100m the previous month.

US gold active

US gold active

New York, Dec 28.—GOLD Interes closed mixed in active trailing. On the Comest prices were dechanged except for the January contract which cosed at \$165.00, up 10 cents lower to 60 cents higher. NY COMEX: Jan. \$185.00: Feb. \$185.20: April \$185.50: April \$185.50

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Eurosyndicat The Eurosyndicat Index on European share prices was put provisionally at 120,44 on December 27 against 117.64 a week Soosting sentiment was an encouraging United Kingdom economic forecast from the OECD, though currency morements were often well out of proportion with actual trade in very thin conditions. Dealers reported some year-end booksquaring, but many the conditions of the

grt down to about 11 per cent late in the afternoon.

The market was required to repay to the Bank of England the large loans of last Friday and the small loans of a week ago. But the market had in its favour above-target balances brought forward from Friday, a large excess of Government disbursements over revenue bransfers to the Exchequer, and a fail in the note circulation after the Christmas shupping spree. until the new year.

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For November the currency closed on a dismoi note. The mark closed at 2.1270 to the dollar (Friday 2.1520). Swise francs closed up at 2.04 (2.055).

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Thoughts on a bleak year for Leyland

Two days away from the end of 1977 it is time to look back on another motoring year, to lavish braise, to hurd brickbats and no hope that in 1978 everything will be better.

The tragedy of the year has been the performance of the British motor industry, coupled with the name of British Leyland. Two weeks ago Mr David Plastow, president of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, got up at a banquet and said that the industry was bleeding to death. And who can disagree? who can disagree?.....

He was referring to what are suppermissically called "labour relations problems"—or; in plain language, spikes, most of them unofficial, often directed as much against the official union leadership as egainst the companies. The Government pay policy has nordly helped.

The upshot has been the constent fallure of British factories to produce consent cars and foreign meles have

chough cars and foreign makes have naturally seized their opportunity, taking 45 per cent of the market. The much acclaimed Rover has been one much acclaimed Rover has been one of the saddest victims. In one dreadful month only three were completed and a fine car found isself being outsold on its home ground by Continental competitors such as the Audi 100.

Leyland, like a football club struggi-Leyland, like a football club struggling to avoid relegation, has brought in a new manager, but whether the arrival of Mr Michael Edwardes will of itself work miracles is doubtful. So far he has instiguted yet another management shake-up and yet another review of future model policy. Meanwhile morale is said to be less than buoyant and the company continues to perform far short of its capacity.

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The farce of the year has been the Aston Martin Legonda, the one with the futuristic instrument page. The car was first announced at the London Motor Show in 1975 at a price of £24,570 with production promised for the spring. Twelve months later the car was shown at the Motorfair at a price of £32,619 with production promised for the spring. Someone has

car was shown at the Monorial at a price of £25,619 with production promised for the spring, Someone has been pulling someone's leg.

The worst new car of the year—of any year—was the Skoda Estelle, with unbelievably bad handling for a vehicle made in the late 1970s. The rolley of criticism, which even the Department of Transport eventually vipported, has produced promises from TR7 variants up its sleeve but the next tentative judgment since I have driven in fairly briefry—was the Peugeor 305, a medium saloon which will arrive in Britain in the late spring. It may not represent any great breakthrough in riviling or mechanical design but it does everything so well and is a thoroughly refined and enjoyable car. The most surprising new car of the year—a found it difficult to fault.

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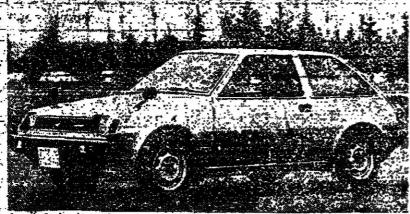
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The front-wheel drive Colt Mirage which will be introduced to Britain late in 1978. It has 1.2, 1.4 and 1.6 litre engines.

suggested that the German motoring Chevette and Cavalier and it is a fair public, at least, was far from conguess that the revised Rekord, winced; many people, it emerged, still announced in the summer but not yet wanted a conventional three-box car in Britain, will turn up at Luton as with a separate boot. The success of the VX replacement. It could happen the Derby has borne this out and it is in 1978.

wanted a conventional three-box car the Derby has borne this out and it is the Derby has borne this out and it is the Derby has borne this out and it is the Currently outselling the Polo in the ratio of five to four. More about the makes its Erflish debut next month.

The most irrelevant cars I drove in 1977 were the Dino Ferrari and the Aston Martin VB. Exhilarating on the and mechanical layout, is a small, and the suited its the motoring climare in which, for better or worse, we live.

What on earth is the point of 150 mph maximum speeds when there is virtually nowhere they can be legally used?

I was talking the other day to Sir mouth Horizon and Dodge Ohmi. It is a Martin, and he said that if he were from wheel drive car. The styling is designing a new sports car he would go for something much smaller and more economical. The the past 12. The most intriguing model news of the year was that the Soviet Union is 305 already menioned, magether with make there both where theriage 1978 include the Department of Transport for the year was that the Soviet Union is 305 already menioned, magether with make there bow here during 1978 include the Department of Transport for the year of the renter with make there bow here during 1978 include the Department of Transport for the year and along the small by world standards but the part 124. The Soviet car industry, and the engine and along the relation of the past 124. The Soviet car industry is going for smarter and tomber lews on driak and driving as month of the past 124. The Soviet car industry is going for smarter and tomber lews on driak and driving as mentioned, together with the switch were and serious injuries. I refer to compulsory seat belt wearing and the industry is going for smarter and tougher lews on driak and driving as mentioned to be the refer to compulsory seat belt wearing and the industry is going for

many. Alread:

Charley's Aunt must surely be one of the funniest stage plays ever, and tonight's television adaptation by Eric Sykes (also the star of the

This Week has overcome the temptation to make tonight a look-back

at 1977. Instead Jonathan Dimbleby reports from the cyclone-ravaged

signs. The new Datsun Sunny, for instance, looks a good deal sleeker than anything in the current range, while Mitsubishi has switched to front-wheel drive for its Western-style small hatchback, the Colt Mirage.

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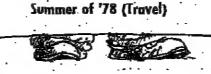
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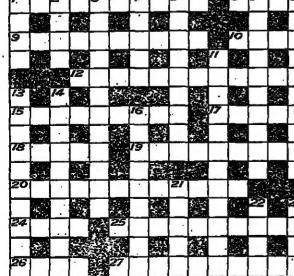
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